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Town of Newbury New Hampshire

NEWBURY TOWN OFFICES

2011
Annual Report

Lake Sunapee Preparing for Winter



Photo courtesy Donna Long

A Visitor to Newbury



Photo courtesy Tom Nowell

Annual Report

*of the Selectmen, Treasurer, and other
Town Officers
for the Town of Newbury, New Hampshire*



*Sunset at Newbury Harbor
Photo courtesy Travis Dezotell*

*for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2011
with Vital Statistics for the year 2011*

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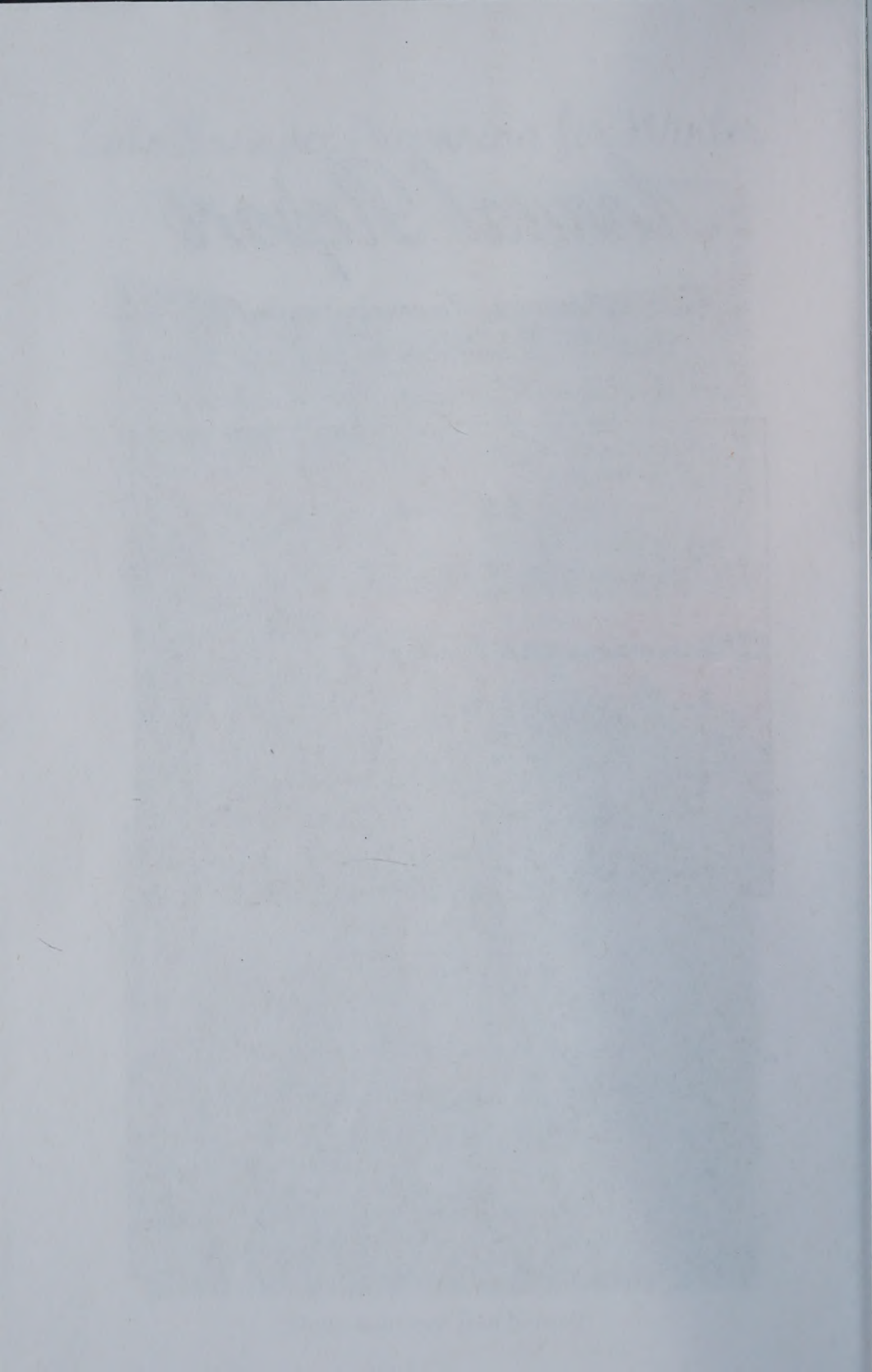
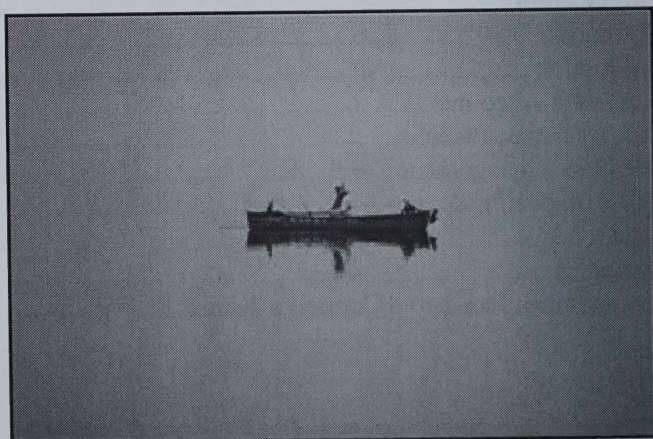


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Hal Krueger enjoying a day of fishing on Lake Sunapee.

Photo courtesy Maureen Rosen

In Memoriam
Wilbert H. Willis, Jr.
1930 – 2011

Wilbert Willis, dedicated town employee and a friend to many, passed away on June 19, 2011. His endless smile and gentle personality will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

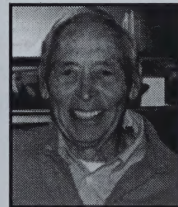
Born and raised in Newport, Will married Jane Bushway after graduating from Towle High School. The two moved to Derry for 30 years where they raised a family and Will worked at different shoe factories in Massachusetts and Maine. He also worked in production control for Sanders Lockheed Martin.

In 1986, Will and Jane moved back to the area setting up their home in South Newbury. After Will retired from Sturm Ruger in 1995, he came to work part-time for the town of Newbury. Will was the “go-to” person whenever something needed to be repaired or rejuvenated. He had a real talent for troubleshooting problems and a strong dedication to detail. His carpentry skills were impeccable and he was able to restore many pieces of furniture still used at the town office. The art on the walls and the small items that make an office functional and comfortable were installed with his careful hand.

Will always had a strong commitment to his family and was always sharing stories of his wife, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was proud of them all.

The climbing roses that are located at the entrance of the Newbury town office (shown on the report’s cover) were planted and meticulously cared for by Will. Visitors always commented on how beautiful they were.

Will always had a “can-do” attitude and his contribution to the town will definitely be remembered for years to come. He is – and will continue to be – greatly missed.



Town Officers

Selectmen*

Jim Powell, Chairman, term expires 2014

Gary Budd, term expires 2012

Richard Wright, term expires 2013

Town Administrator**

Dennis J. Pavlicek

Moderator*

Nancy Marashio, term expires 2012

Representative to the General Court

Steven Winter

Town Clerk and Tax Collector*

Linda Plunkett, term expires 2012

Deputy Town Clerk and Deputy Tax Collector**

Martha von Redlich

Treasurer*

Jennifer Goin, term expires 2014

Deputy Treasurer**

Debbie Johnson

Trustees of Trust Funds*

Clayton Johnson, term expires 2013

Claire Vannatta, term expires 2012

Daniel H. Wolf, term expires 2014

Library Trustees*

Pam Ritchie, term expires 2012

Pat Sherman, term expires 2014

Elizabeth Tentarelli, term expires 2013

Newbury Member,
Kearsarge Regional School Board*
Daniel H. Wolf, term expires 2012

Newbury Member,
KRSD Municipal Budget Committee*
Marnee Saltalamacchia

Supervisors of the Checklist*
Al Bachelder, term expires 2015
Clayton Johnson, term expires 2013
Sue Russell, term expires 2017

Cemetery Trustees*
Paul Riley, chair, term expires 2013
Judy Healey, term expires 2012
Charles Kennedy, term expires 2014

Planning Board*
Tom Vannatta, chair, term expires 2013
Ron Williams, vice-chair, term expires 2014
Travis Dezotell, term expires 2012
Bruce Healey, term expires 2012
Russell Smith, term expires 2014
William Weiler, term expires 2012
Deane Geddes, alternate, term expires 2013
Alison Kinsman, alternate, term expires 2012

Zoning Board of Adjustment*
Katheryn Holmes, chair, term expires 2013
Peter Fichter, vice-chair, term expires 2012
Barbara Richmond, term expires 2014
Sue Russell, term expires 2014
Harry Seidel, term expires 2013
Alex Azodi, alternate, term expires 2012
Steve Russell, alternate, term expires 2014

Conservation Commission**

Katheryn Holmes, chair, term expires 2013

Eric Unger, vice-chair, term expires 2013

Charles Crickman, term expires 2014

Deane Geddes, term expires 2012

Suzanne Levine, term expires 2012

William Annable, alternate, term expires 2014

Chief of Police**

Robert Lee

Chief of Fire Department**

Henry E. Thomas, Jr.

Officer of Emergency Management**

Wayne R. Whitford

Health Officer**

Wayne R. Whitford

Code Enforcement Officer**

Paul LaCasse

Highway Administrator**

Calvin Prussman, Jr.

Family Services Director**

Gail Bostic

Inspectors of Election**

Doris Newell

Suzanne Levine

Claire Thomas

Jane Moss

Marcia Surette

Steve Russell, alternate

Margo Steeves, alternate

Forest Fire Warden***

Dave Smith

Deputy Forest Fire Wardens***

Michael Bascom

John G. Croteau

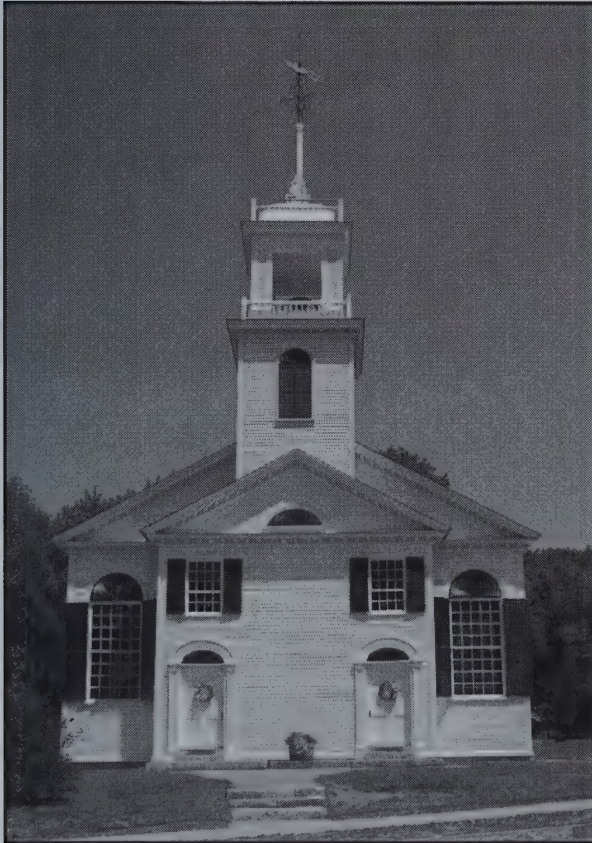
Henry E. Thomas, Jr.

Ed Thorson

* Elected at town meeting

** Appointed by selectmen

*** State appointment



The Center Meeting House on a beautiful spring day.

Photo courtesy Amanda Prussman

Working Together for the Good of Newbury

Newbury has all the small-town charm that people look for in a quintessential New England community. We have mountains for hiking and skiing. We have lakes for swimming, fishing and boating. We have a rich history and a vibrant future. We are a community that people like to visit and absolutely love to live in. But, most importantly, we are a town that works together to make this a truly wonderful place.

Whether it's housesitting for a vacationing neighbor, going grocery shopping for someone who is sick, or driving a friend's child to school, the residents of Newbury always hold out a helping hand for others and truly care about the welfare of their fellow residents. Together, the people of Newbury make this town a special treasure nestled in the heart of the Sunapee region.

Throughout the 2011 Annual Town Report, you will meet many of the residents and town employees who help keep our town a close-knit neighborhood. Many of these people donate their time on volunteer boards, go above-and-beyond in their every-day jobs, and dedicate their time and work for the good of the community. The residents of this town truly have Newbury's best interest at heart.



Donna S. Long, Administrative Assistant

Board of Selectmen

There were several important steps forward for the town in 2011. It was a positive year and we are entering 2012 on sound footing.

A major project last year was the replacement of two bridges on heavily traveled town roads. While the weather did not fully cooperate, the rains finally ended and the heavy snowstorm on Halloween melted quickly. The contractor was able to finish all work on both the Village Road and Sutton Road bridges. The final landscaping of the abutters' property on the Sutton Road bridge will be completed in the spring.



The newly constructed Village Road Bridge.

Photo courtesy Donna Long

Shortly after the 2011 annual meeting, the selectmen created two committees: the Harbor Docks Committee and the Town Center Buildings Committee. The main charge of the Docks Committee was to examine the need for renovation and expansion of the existing harbor town docks. The main focus of the Town Center Buildings Committee was the future development potential of the Bald Sunapee/Camacho property.

The potential uses of the property include a Veterans Memorial, library expansion, and future fire department and/or police department buildings. Both committees have completed their work and their reports are included in this annual report.

Kudos to Selectman Richard Wright for all his work in overseeing improvements to the Veterans Hall. Completed work includes the majority of the electric work (including a panel), updated wiring, and wiring for ceiling fans, wall outlets and lighting. Wiring for the kitchen and bathroom are being prepared. Sheet rock and insulation have been installed, and windows repaired and exterior storm windows installed. The original wood floors were sanded and refinished in 2010. Wainscoting has now been added and the walls painted. The roof, especially on the back side, was in bad condition and has been replaced. These relatively low-cost improvements have made a difference in the appearance and usability of the building. It has already been used for many programs with plans for more and we anticipate a growing calendar of events. Remaining work to be done includes plumbing and heating, a well and a septic system. The Selectmen will present these remaining improvements as a warrant article to complete the



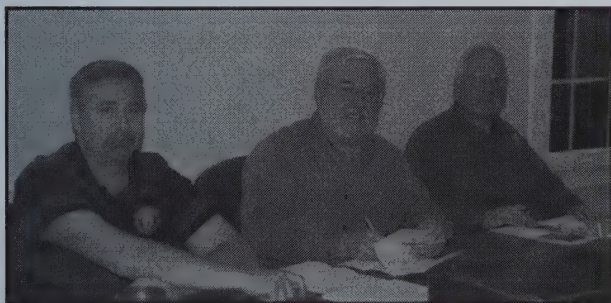
*Newbury Beautification Committee members
greening up the Veterans Hall for the holidays.
Photo courtesy Maureen Rosen*

project in 2012.

Town finances are a major responsibility of the Selectmen. The volatility of petroleum products and energy costs are our biggest concern and the most difficult line item to predict. We finished 2011 slightly under budget, in part because prices stabilized for a short time and the weather remained mild. But, prices have already begun to increase. With help from our budget committee and department heads, we are confident that the 2012 proposed budget is responsible and still allows for necessary improvements in our town. Necessary improvements include road upkeep, building maintenance and normal department operations.

In closing, we would like to express our sincere thanks to all of our employees, board and committee members, and scores of volunteers who contribute to making Newbury the exceptional place it continues to be.

James Powell, Richard Wright and Gary Budd



*Board of Selectmen from left to right: Gary Budd,
James Powell, and Richard Wright.*

Photo courtesy Donna Long

Town Administrator

2011 proved to be another year that presented economic challenges to most towns across the country. Here in Newbury, I am pleased to report that we fared better than many communities throughout the U.S. It is my privilege and pleasure to present to you the following report for 2011.

2012 Budget

Once again, my thanks go to the board of selectmen and the budget committee for preparing the 2012 budget. Over the last fiscal year, the town has dramatically increased its net assets due to capital projects such as the completion of the Blodgett Landing Treatment Plant. If all articles pass at town meeting, we are projecting a flat tax rate. When the budget was being created, department heads were again asked to maintain basic operations which they did with a minimal increase in the budget.

Blodgett Landing Wastewater Treatment Plant

All construction has been completed at Blodgett Landing Wastewater Treatment Plant. The update to the control panel in the Blodgett pump house was the last project in Phase III. The board of selectmen has also decided to bill out the user fees for the Blodgett Wastewater Treatment Plant semi-annually. This year we will be sending out a bill in April for half of the amount due. The other bill will go out in September. All bills are due one month after they are sent out.

Hazard Mitigation Grants

The town of Newbury was fortunate to receive hazard mitigation grants, in excess of \$200,000, from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to do work on town roads. Some of this work included upgrading the surface of gravel roads by using hard pack which is a gravel that is more resilient to storm events. When we apply the hard pack we do it over a layer of geo textile fabric which stabilizes the road base and prevents the merging of the old material and new material. Additional upgrading included culvert sizes and

length resulting in dramatically improved stormwater runoff. With these grants we have completed all of the work on Winding Brook Road, Sunapee Hill Subdivision roads and Cheney Road. We have also been able to upgrade approximately one half of Province Road. We hope to get additional grants in the future to complete the work on Province Road and to upgrade the gravel portion of Rollins Road.

Tropical Storm Irene

We were very fortunate that our damage to town roads was not as severe as in other communities. We were able to open the roads that were damaged within a day. All repairs were completed within a month and we were reimbursed by FEMA for the costs involved. Our emergency management team was activated and they were able to assist residents who were adversely affected by the storm. The emergency team was integral in setting up safety barricades in hazardous areas for the motoring public. We thank our highway department and public safety personnel for their quick response and concern for the residents of Newbury.



*Damage caused on Colburn Farm Road
by Tropical Storm Irene.
Photo courtesy Cal Prussman*

In Recognition

I would like to take this time to remember a dear friend of mine who passed away this past summer. Newbury employee Will Willis was not only a hard worker but a very good friend.



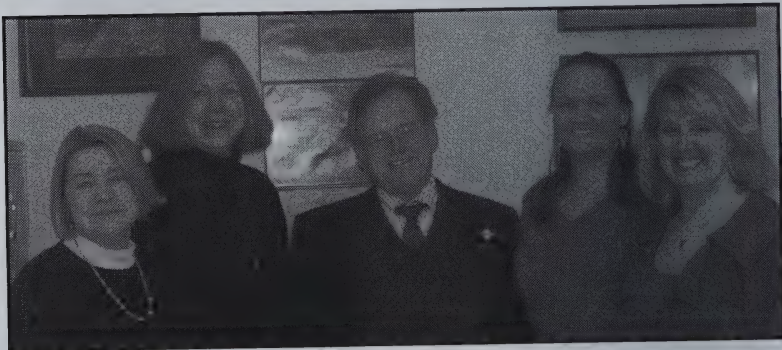
Once again, the town was awarded first place in the annual report competition sponsored by the Local Government Center (LGC). I think it is apparent that we are very fortunate to have Donna Long, administrative assistant, doing this arduous task.

Finally, I would like to thank the town office staff, department heads and all of our employees who continue to devote their time and effort to the town. My sincere thanks also to all of our dedicated volunteers and board members whose hard work make Newbury the special place it is.



Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Dennis J. Pavlicek, Town Administrator



The faces you will find at the Newbury Town Office (l to r): Deb Prussman, Meg Whittemore, Dennis Pavlicek, Denise Sherrill and Donna Long.

Photo courtesy Travis Dezotell

Town Clerk

Debits

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued	\$349,204.92
Dog Licenses Issued	3,682.50
UCC Filings	135.00
Boat Registrations	8,285.04
Vital Records	880.00
Fish and Game	7,007.50
Miscellaneous	457.50
TOTAL DEBITS\$369,652.46

Credits

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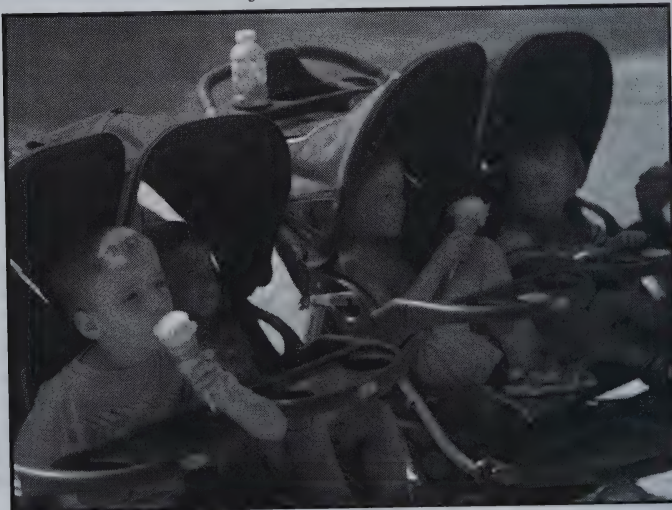
A picturesque fall day on Lake Todd.

Photo courtesy Wayne Whitford

Treasurer General Fund 2011 Receipts

Received from Tax Collector	\$ 10,558,631.92
Received from Town Clerk	\$ 369,652.46
Received from Selectmen's Office	\$ 605,682.84
Interest	\$ 5,612.69
Total	\$ 11,539,579.91
Transfers to/from Investment Accts.	(\$ 542,507.71)
Beginning Balance January 1, 2011	\$ 645,608.74
Total Receipts & Beginning Balance	\$ 12,727,696.36
Selectmen's Orders Paid	(\$ 12,710,332.77)
Balance on December 31, 2011	\$ 17,363.59

Jennifer J. Goin, Treasurer



*These kids seem to be enjoying Old Home Day 2011.
Photo courtesy Tom Nowell*

Investment Accounts

NH Public Deposit Investment Pool

Balance January 1, 2011	\$ 1,278.31
Plus: Interest	\$ 0.18
Plus: Deposits	\$ 0.00
Less: Transfers	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2011	\$ 1,278.49

Blodgett Sewer Money Market Account

Balance January 1, 2011	\$ 117,698.28
Plus: Deposits	\$ 0.00
Plus: Interest	\$ 85.28
Less: Transfers	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2011	\$ 117,783.56

Conservation Commission

Balance January 1, 2011	\$ 140,128.34
Plus: Interest	\$ 101.57
Less: Transfers	\$ 0.00
Plus: Transfers	<u>\$ 2,806.45</u>
Balance December 31, 2011	\$ 143,036.36

Recreation Revolving Fund

Balance January 1, 2011	\$ 4,035.81
Plus: Interest	\$ 12.07
Less: Transfers	\$ 14,440.14
Plus: Transfers	<u>\$ 14,498.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2011	\$ 4,105.74

Lake Sunapee Savings Account

Balance January 1, 2011	\$ 2,002,647.36
Plus: Interest	\$ 3,513.83
Less: Transfers	\$ 4,167,158.55
Plus: Transfers	<u>\$ 3,774,695.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2011	\$ 1,613,697.64

Report of The Trust Funds of The Town of Newbury, New Hampshire on December 31, 2011

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND Last five funds trusts invested in a common trust fund	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND perpetual care	HOW INVESTED Where state, agency assets, bond and common trust fund	PRINCIPAL					INCOME				Grand Total of Principal & Income at End of Year
				Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Cash Gains (or Losses) on Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	INCOME DURING YEAR			BALANCE END YEAR
										%	Amount	EXPENSES DURING YEAR	
Various	CEMETERY FUNDS:		PDIP	\$15,388.79	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,388.79	\$23,287.59	100.00%	\$28.05	\$0.00	\$23,315.64
	Various			\$15,388.79	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,388.79	\$23,287.59		\$28.05	\$0.00	\$38,714.43
	TOTALS												\$38,714.43
	A/C CEMETERY FUNDS												
1954	LIBRARY FUNDS:	Library	PDIP	\$2,992.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,992.56	\$8.43		\$1.79	\$6.43	\$1.78
1955	Jennie J. Tolson	Library	PDIP	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$2.78		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
1956	Shirley Powers	Library	PDIP	\$15,992.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,992.00	\$32.54		\$11.10	\$32.54	\$15,603.10
2000	Patricia W. Sheffield	Library	PDIP	\$4,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,750.00	\$10.20		\$3.52	\$10.20	\$4,753.52
2002	White Library Fund	Library	PDIP	\$31,305.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$31,305.00	\$65.50		\$22.59	\$65.50	\$31,328.59
2004	Merton Smith Fund	Library	PDIP	\$31,255.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$31,255.04	\$55.38		\$22.57	\$55.38	\$31,277.61
2006	Perkins Library Fund	Library	PDIP	\$56,895.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$56,895.60	\$162.83		\$61.57	\$162.83	\$56,958.17
	TOTALS												
	A/C LIBRARY FUNDS												
1962	CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS:	Highway Equip.	PDIP	\$357,816.52	\$88,000.00	\$0.00	\$46,885.50	\$409,131.02	\$0.00		\$283.50	\$283.50	\$409,131.02
1971	Town of Newbury	Fire Equip.	PDIP	\$1,177.13	\$55,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$56,177.13	\$0.00		\$8.09	\$0.00	\$56,185.22
1984	Town of Newbury	Safety Service Buildings	PDIP	\$10,097.11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,097.11	\$2,258.85		\$8.88	\$0.00	\$2,265.93
1993	Town of Newbury	Ambulance Fund	PDIP	\$32,487.18	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35,487.18	\$3,488.53		\$26.59	\$0.00	\$3,515.12
1998	Town of Newbury	Recreational Facility	PDIP	\$2,305.89	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,305.89	\$929.40		\$3.75	\$0.00	\$933.15
1997	Town of Newbury	Bridge	PDIP	\$135,340.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$134,932.07	\$408.70	\$14,977.88		\$90.04	\$15,067.93	\$408.70
	TOTALS			\$539,234.60	\$165,000.00	\$0.00	\$181,817.57	\$523,817.03	\$21,652.47		\$400.85	\$15,331.43	\$530,338.92
	A/C CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS												
1977	GENERAL TRUST FUNDS:	Dock Repairs	PDIP	\$70,172.72	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$82,172.72	\$4,581.91		\$55.88	\$0.00	\$4,637.77
1984	Town of Newbury	Town Bldgs.	PDIP	\$68,384.07	\$42,000.00	\$0.00	\$41,751.55	\$68,632.52	\$5,980.87		\$56.31	\$6,037.18	\$68,632.52
1985	Town of Newbury	Office Equip.	PDIP	\$28,466.42	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33,466.42	\$0.00		\$18.98	\$0.00	\$33,466.42
2002	Town of Newbury	Mail	PDIP	\$3,073.17	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,987.58	\$3,075.59	\$0.00		\$2.42	\$2.42	\$3,075.59
2004	Town of Newbury	Cemetery Maint.	PDIP	\$12,449.46	\$1,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,849.46	\$517.38		\$10.00	\$0.00	\$14,376.82
2006	Town of Newbury	Fire Dept. - PPE	PDIP	\$50,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60,000.00	\$1,750.44		\$38.95	\$0.00	\$61,789.39
	TOTALS			\$230,545.64	\$76,400.00	\$0.00	\$46,749.13	\$280,196.71	\$12,830.58		\$183.52	\$6,039.60	\$287,171.21
	A/C GENERAL TRUST FUNDS												
	GRAND TOTALS			\$872,075.83	\$242,400.00	\$0.00	\$228,366.70	\$886,109.13	\$57,953.47		\$673.99	\$21,553.88	\$923,182.73

Tax Collector's Report
Summary of Tax Accounts Fiscal Year Ended
12/31/2011

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of Newbury Year Ending 2011

DEBITS

UNCOLLECTED TAXES BEG. OF YEAR*		Levy for Year of this Report	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
			2010	2009	Prior
Property Taxes	#3110		497214.33		
Resident Taxes	#3180				
Land Use Change	#3120		600.00		
Yield Taxes	#3185		1476.43		
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187				
Sewer Charges	#3189		17885.90		
Interest	<		24.77		
INF Fee	<		50.00		
TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR					
Property Taxes	#3110	10123360.00			
Resident Taxes	#3180				
Land Use Change	#3120	4800.00			
Yield Taxes	#3185	7549.62			
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	376.08			
Sewer Charges	#3189	160965.00			
OVERPAYMENT REFUNDS					
Property Taxes	#3110	7857.54	3205.89		
Resident Taxes	#3180				
Land Use Change	#3120				
Yield Taxes	#3185				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187				
INF Fee		75.00			
Interest - Late Tax	#3190	6030.58	32064.92		
Resident Tax Penalty	#3190				
TOTAL DEBITS		10311013.82	552522.24	0.00	0.00

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER	Levy for Year of This Report	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
		2010	2009	Prior
Property Taxes	9582504.45	498879.21		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change	4800.00	600.00		
Yield Taxes	7305.68	1476.43		
Interest (include lien conversion)	6030.58	32089.15		
Penalties				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	376.08			
Sewer Charges	140180.12	17885.90		
Conversion to Lien (principal only)				
INF Fee	50.00	50.00		
DISCOUNTS ALLOWED				
ABATEMENTS MADE				
Property Taxes	681.00	1541.01		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd				
Sewer Charges	2190.00			
Property tax Interest		0.54		
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED	1683.00			
UNCOLLECTED TAXES - END OF YEAR #1080				
Property Taxes	546349.09			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes	243.94			
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd				
Sewer Charges	18594.88			
INF Fee	25.00			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance** <		>		
TOTAL CREDITS	10311013.82	552522.24	0.00	0.00

DEBITS

	Last Year's Levy	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
	2011	2010	2009	Prior
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beg. Of Year		123528.33	75552.54	1032.05
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	246457.83			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	2613.21	15317.76	22465.96	512.21
Mortgage Research Costs	4604.50	1215.00	750.17	45.00
Deed Research Costs			432.00	18.00
INF Fee		25.00	25.00	
TOTAL DEBITS	253675.54	140086.09	99225.67	1607.26

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER		Last Year's Levy	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
		2011	2010	2009	Prior
Redemptions		77845.72	72751.56	68573.18	1032.05
Research Costs		3199.50	666.00	1056.17	
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	#3190	2613.21	15317.76	22465.96	575.21
INF Fee			25.00	25.00	
Uncollected Research Costs		1392.00	475.00		
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens			15.00		
Liens&Costs Deeded to Municipality		3091.21	3094.98	7105.36	
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year	#1110	165533.90	47740.79		
TOTAL CREDITS		253675.54	140086.09	99225.67	1607.26

Newbury Assessor's Office

It has been a very busy year for us after completing an assessment update here in Newbury. It took all summer and into the fall to complete the project. We communicated with about 200 taxpayers either in person, via e-mail or over the phone. Some issues centered around inaccurate data, where an inspection was needed or taxpayers just trying to understand why and what changed about their assessment. On the average, assessments are at about 97%. This means, on average, houses that sell for \$100,000 are assessed at \$97,000. Please be mindful that this is an average and some will sell below and some will sell above the average.



Anna Newman rides her bike at the 4th of July parade.

Photo courtesy Tom Nowell

The number of sales has been slow and there appear to be more bank-owned or bank-sale properties. Although there are more such properties on the market, our level does not come close to what is happening in other parts of the country or even in southern New Hampshire. We continue to monitor all segments of the real estate market for substantive changes.

One of our goals is to educate the public on an on-going basis. We want to make sure that property owners are being treated fairly and are receiving answers to their questions.

Your taxes in Newbury are based on how the total pie (state education, local school, county and municipal budgets) is divided based on assessed values. The assessment function is a totally separate process from the budget process. We are regularly monitoring the relationship between assessment and sales prices. The goal is to keep all classes of property (low value, high value, waterfront, non-waterfront and vacant land) at a similar assessment-to-sale-price relationship.

We will be implementing a new and improved on-line mapping service in 2012 which is available for free to the public and is located on the town web site www.newburynh.org, under the assessing department. The maps are interactive and allow users to create abutter lists, view 2010 aerial photography, check assessment records, measure areas, etc. You will have the ability to view not only assessment records but also the map and assessment record together. There is a search capability in both cases. We believe that once you use the maps, combined with the new assessment database, they will be an invaluable tool. For example, you will be able to print your assessment cards as they look if you came to the town office. That ability will be available with this new version of on-line mapping. We will also be attaching deeds, plans and other important documents for you to view and then print at home or at your office.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the residents of Newbury for their cooperation throughout the year. I would also like to thank my staff and fellow employees at the Newbury town office for all the support they provide, including Kris McAllister, assessor, Denise Sherrill, assessing coordinator, Deb Prussman, financial administrator and Donna Long, administrative assistant. Also, many thanks to Dennis Pavlicek, town administrator, on whom I rely for guidance and assistance on an on-going basis. All these individuals have

many other responsibilities besides helping the assessing department and they should be recognized for the multitude of additional tasks they are asked to perform on a regular basis. This helps ensure the town of Newbury operates in an efficient and effective manner.

I look forward to a cooperative and amicable relationship for many years to come. If you have any questions regarding how assessments are done or about your particular assessment, please feel free to call or stop by the town office. Also, please take the opportunity to review your property record file every few years or, at a minimum, your property record card which contains the information used to calculate your assessment.

Normand Bernaiche, Town Assessor



Assessors Kris McAllister and Norm Bernaiche
Photo courtesy Donna Long

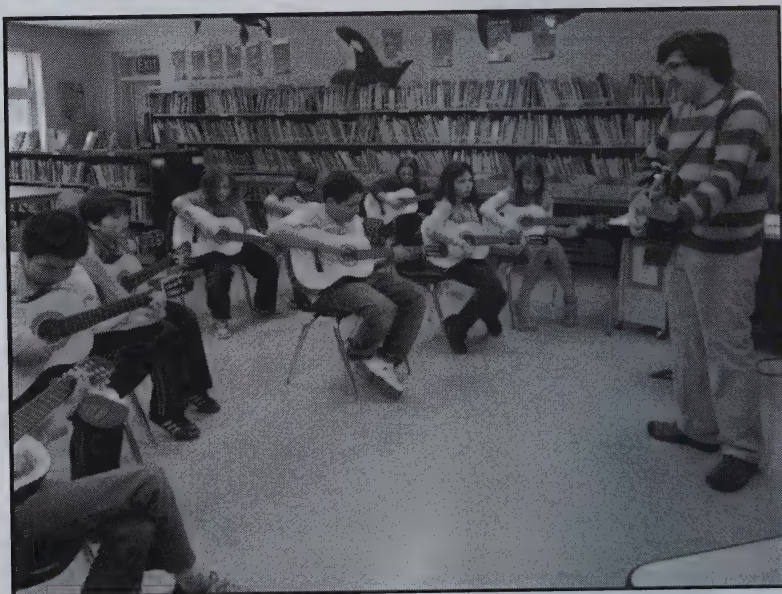
**Summary Inventory of Valuation
2011 Assessed Valuation**

Value of Land Only			
	Acres	Valuation	Totals
Current Use	6,827	\$878,239	
Residential	10,630	\$364,533,140	
Commercial/Industrial	1,459	\$8,572,960	
Farm Land	2	\$654	
Total of Land	18,917		\$373,984,993
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable	2,297	(\$35,526,283)	
Value of Buildings Only			
Residential		\$292,999,660	
Manufactured Housing		\$274,400	
Commercial/Industrial		\$21,075,240	
Farm Structures	13	\$87,300	
Total of Buildings			\$314,436,600
Tax Exempt & Non Taxable		(\$5,856,800)	
Public Utilities			
Electric			\$5,000,000
Water			
Valuation Before Exemptions			\$693,421,593
Blind Exemptions (Number: 0)		\$0	\$0
Elderly/Disabled Exemptions (Number: 4)		\$150,000	\$150,000
Wood Heating Exemptions (Number: 6)		\$30,000	\$30,000
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions			\$180,000
Net Valuation on Which Tax Rate is Computed			\$693,241,593
Revenues Received From			

Payments in Lieu of Taxes			
State and Federal Forest Land Recreation and/or Flood Control Land		\$926.50	

Tax Credit

	Limit	Number	Tax Credit
Totally and Permanently Disabled	\$2,000	3	\$ 6,000
Veterans, Spouses, and Widows	\$500	117	\$58,250
Total War Service Credits		120	\$64,250



Children at the Kearsarge Elementary School in Bradford learning how to play guitar with Music Teacher Matt Mitchell.

Photo courtesy Cathy Mayne

Inventory of Town Property

Location	Assessed Value	Use
365 Bowles Road	\$ 89,100	sewer garage
Stone Wall Lane	5,000	vacant land
44 Pine Street	88,000	Blodgett fire station
Washington Street	94,900	vacant land
Washington Street	94,900	vacant land
33 Lake Avenue	185,900	pumping station
Park 10 Road	1,800	vacant land
927 Route 103	117,000	Velie playground
933 Route 103	363,500	library
937 Route 103	589,600	town office
Route 103	63,000	vacant land
Route 103A	403,600	Lakeside Cemetery
Off Route 103	1,100	vacant land
952 Route 103	765,900	safety services
967 Route 103	567,600	town dock
977 Route 103	612,500	beach/train station
919 Route 103	100,200	storage
Route 103	1,068,100	info booth/caboose
Lakeview Avenue	17,700	vacant land
Stoney Brook Road	20,500	cemetery
Baker Hill Road	23,800	cemetery
6 Stoney Brook Road	500	vacant land
Chalk Pond Road	32,300	vacant land
Blodgett Brook Road	33,900	vacant land
Skytop Drive	21,200	vacant land
Bartlett Road	38,100	vacant land
Off Province Road	30,100	cemetery
Old Post Road	591,200	Fishersfield Park
Route 103	6,800	vacant land
Route 103	4,800	vacant land
Mountain Road	46,800	vacant land
Newell Road	29,800	cemetery
Pleasant View/South Roads	32,900	cemetery
20 Sutton Road	205,900	old highway shed

Chestnut Road	\$ 1,700	vacant land
7 Sutton Road	107,000	Hearse House
137 Village Road	114,000	Grange Hall
133 Village Road	219,500	Sherman Hall
Village Road	20,000	vacant land
Southgate Road	12,100	vacant land
Brookside Road	29,100	vacant land
201 Old Post Road	98,500	transfer station
Route 103	81,700	vacant land
50 South Road	836,700	highway garage
Old County Road South	17,400	vacant land
South Road	49,300	vacant land
Newbury Traffic Circle	31,800	vacant land
TOTAL	\$7,966,800	

Note: Vacant land includes dry hydrant locations, easements, retention ponds, etc.



*Cindy and Steve Peterson help make
Newbury look festive for the holidays.*

Photo courtesy Maureen Rosen

Budget Committee

The town budget committee is responsible for the preparation of the town budget and warrant articles for the ensuing fiscal year. The committee meets in public session as a portion of the regularly scheduled board of selectmen meetings from November until the public hearing in February. It is comprised of the board of selectmen, the town administrator and three appointed Newbury residents.

The committee thoroughly reviews the individual line-item budget proposals as submitted by each of the municipal departments, boards, trustees and commissions. In most cases, the department head or representative chairperson is present during the scheduled review session. During the process, the budget proposals undergo a comparative analysis with previous and current budgets. The proposals may or may not be altered by the consensus of the committee. The final budgets are then approved by the board of selectmen for presentation at the annual town meeting.

This year the committee made an earnest effort to create a practical budget by integrating the efficient fiscal management practices of the past year with the projected future needs of the town. Thanks to the concerted efforts of all involved, the committee was able to create a low impact and yet sustainable general operations budget proposal for 2012. Therefore, the budget committee recommends passage of the budget and warrant articles as submitted by the board of selectmen.

*Tom Vannatta, Jim Powell, Richard Wright, Gary Budd,
Dennis Pavlicek, Ivor Freeman and Joy Nowell*

Newbury Public Library

“A library’s function is to give the public in the quickest and cheapest way information, inspiration and recreation. If a better way than the book can be found, we should use it.”

**- Melvil Dewy (1851-1931)
American Librarian and Educator**

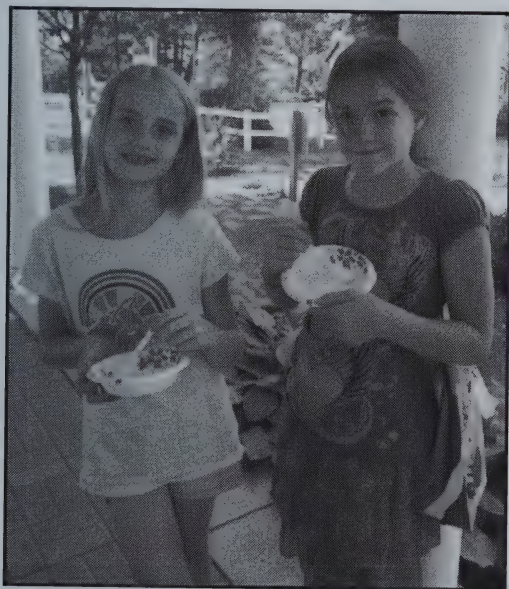
Report from the Newbury Public Library Trustees

Downloadable audio books and e-books made their debut this year and many patrons took advantage of this new service. Librarians can assist you with the details of electronic downloading.

However, electronics will never fully replace books—at least not in our lifetimes. Small town libraries can never purchase all the books people want and libraries depend on New Hampshire's interlibrary loan program. The state interlibrary loan program makes it possible for patrons to request books from other public libraries at no cost to patrons or the libraries. In the fall of 2011, many of you signed a petition to preserve the interlibrary loan van service. Federal funding for the van is at risk of being diverted to other uses by the New Hampshire legislature. Statewide, 1,800 signatures and hundreds of letters were submitted to accompany the appeal to preserve the intended use of these funds. Thank you to those who signed the petition. The New Hampshire Library Trustees Association continues to advocate for funding the van service.

We encourage patrons to let our librarians know which books you think the library should order. We can't get everything, of course, but your suggestions are welcomed. Our acquisitions budget is only \$8,000 per year, and we must consider the needs and interests of all age groups and the long-term demand for our materials.

The trustees take this opportunity to publicly thank our dedicated library staff and volunteers, our busy and devoted library director who arranges many successful programs for all ages, our part-time librarians who bring their enthusiasm and patience and new ideas, and our volunteers who help in many ways, freeing the staff to work more closely with patrons. For your commitment to the Newbury library, a huge thank you!



*Marina Ware and Ashlyn Henderson enjoying
an ice cream treat during the One World
Many Stories series.*

Photo courtesy Rosie Johnson

Patrons

The library would like to thank the community for the wonderful support we received and for their continued patronage. The library had 1,985 registered patrons and served 213 other public libraries through the New Hampshire interlibrary loan program.

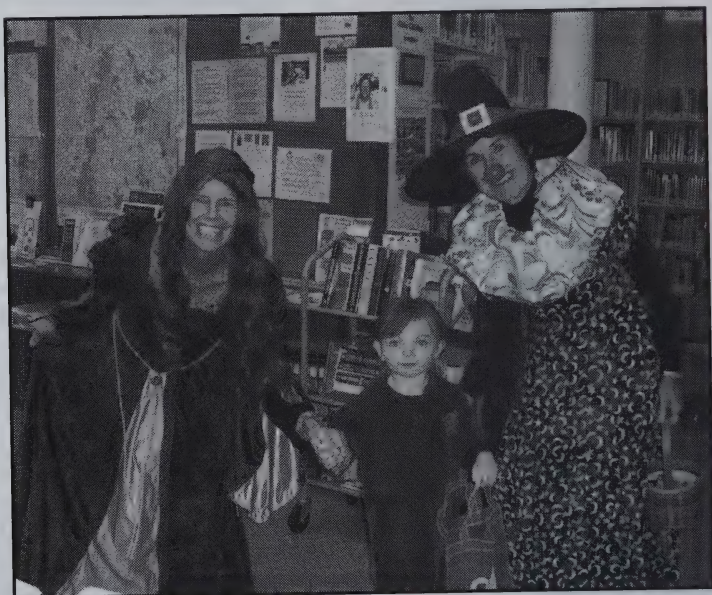
Patron Visits and Checkouts

Patron visits totaled 18,416 and checkouts totaled 23,103. In addition to physical items, 707 downloadable eBooks and

audio books were checked out by Newbury residents using the New Hampshire state downloadable database. The library loaned 402 items and borrowed 970 items through the interlibrary loan program.

The Collection

At year's end, the library had 16,408 items on its shelves. During the year, 675 items were added and 280 withdrawn. The collection included 40 periodical titles, 1,689 videos/DVDs and 887 audio books.



Laurie Buchar (left) and Liz Tentarelli (right) pose with a trick-or-treater on Halloween.

Photo courtesy Rosie Johnson

Programs

Guest Speaker Visit

Richard Harvell read from his entertaining debut novel *The Bells* and answered questions. The gathering took place in the newly renovated Center Meeting House which added to the ambiance and richness of the book's theme of small churches and large cathedrals.

A capacity crowd packed the Veterans Hall to hear author Judith Schiess Avila discuss her recently released memoir *Code Talker*. Avila's memoir chronicles the life of 90-year old Chester Nez. Nez is one of the original 29 Navajo men who developed and implemented an unbreakable communications system that helped ensure the American defeat of the Japanese in World War II.



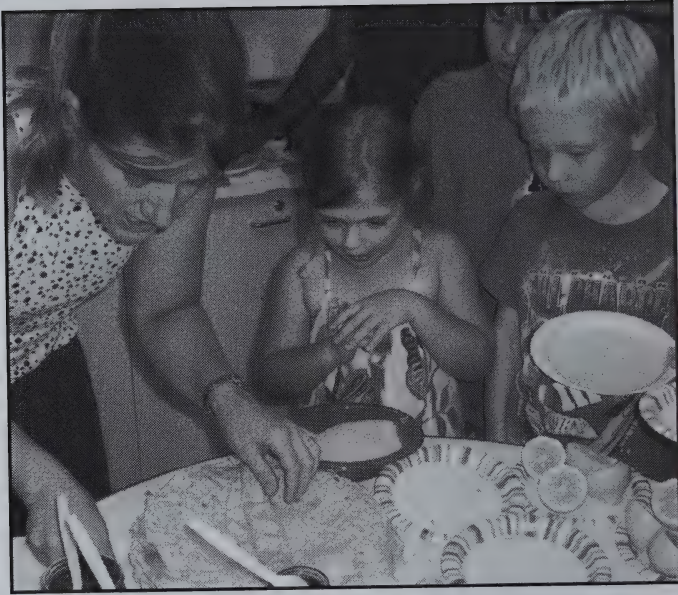
Monday night is Mah Jongg night at the library.

Photo courtesy Rosie Johnson

General Interest

Sustainable, Innovative & Socially Responsive Building Design - Christina O'Brien, AIA, gave a presentation about green architectural design. This talk detailed how we can all help reduce our carbon footprint by saving energy and being more sensitive to the environment during building construction and design. O'Brien explained what green design is and why it is so important to the future of the environment.

Monday Night Mah Jongg – Beginners as well as seasoned players enjoyed four summer evenings of Mah Jongg. This fascinating rummy-like game is played with tiles rather than cards. The game originated in China, dating back to the time of Confucius. It was originally played solely by the ruling classes and to this day, Mah Jongg remains the most popular game in the Orient.



*Delphine Hill makes crepes with Ophelia Hill and Max Carey.
Photo courtesy Rosie Johnson*

Cultural Programs

Poetry: Newbury poet Dianalee Velie acted as moderator of our monthly poetry jam. In April, the members of the poetry group were treated to a reading by visiting poet Kevin Pilkington. Kevin read from his new book *The Unemployed Man Who Became a Tree*. This program has a loyal following and welcomes new participants.

Reading Discussions: Reading Discussions are open to everyone and are generally held on Monday evenings. Copies of the books under discussion are available in advance at the library. Books discussed included:

February:	<i>The Reader</i> by Bernhard Schlink
April:	<i>The Cruellest Month</i> by Louise Penny
May:	<i>A Painted House</i> by John Grisham
June:	<i>The Bells</i> by Richard Harvell
August:	<i>The Glass Castle</i> by Jeanette Walls
September:	<i>The Whistling Season</i> by Ivan Doig
October:	<i>The Brooklyn Follies</i> by Paul Auster
November:	<i>In the Heart of the Sea</i> by Nathaniel Philbrick
December:	<i>The Art of Racing in the Rain</i> by Garth Stein

Wellness Programs

Free blood pressure and blood sugar screening program offered by the Lake Sunapee Region VNA is in the library on the 4th Tuesday of every month. The VNA also held a flu shot clinic in September.

Summer Reading Program

One World Many Stories - The summer's reading program for children in grades K-5 ran on Wednesday afternoons during July and August. Children's librarian Laurie Buchar and her band of merry travelers visited Mexico, Brazil, Africa, Ireland and China. The average attendance was 16 children.

Teen Zone

Young Adult librarian Janet Rucker ran a summer afternoon drop-in program for students in grades 6-12. The teens read for fun, earned prizes, entered weekly drawings, and took part in tie-dyeing, candy making, and munching. The group celebrated their reading success with a silent auction.

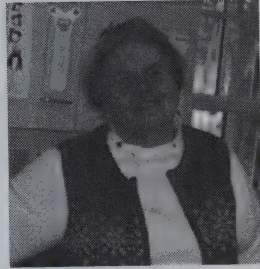


The cast of St. Georgia and the Dragon from left to right: Sarah Moran, Maddy McColgan, Max McColgan, Kaila Menard, Shannon Higgins, Ashlyn Henderson and Nina Spinney.

Photo courtesy Rosie Johnson

Family Programs

Preschool Story Hour – Preschool story hour was held on 48 Wednesdays in 2011 and continues to be one of our most popular programs. Average attendance was 14 children and nine adults. Children's librarian Jane Moss - along with favorite puppet Teddy - read stories and engaged the children in song, finger plays and movement



Librarian Jane Moss

activities focusing on language development. The children enjoyed a special visit from Bradford's own Deb Bruss, author of *Book! Book! Book!* Deb read from her new board book *Big Box for Ben*. After the reading, the kids had fun using big boxes to create their very own big adventures!

Junior Zookeeper Encounter – The Granite State Zoo's professional wildlife educators taught a group of 36 children and 23 adults how to be respectful and safe around animals. This exciting education and hands-on program featured a diverse selection of small mammals, reptiles, an amphibian and one silly exotic bird.

Secret World of Bubbles – There is a lot you can learn from a bubble. An enthralled audience of 53 children and 33 adults sat on the edge of their seats as Keith Michael Johnson appeared to make bubbles defy the laws of gravity. The science behind the magic unfolded like a mystery making this show both educational and unforgettable.

Australian Outback Encounter – This hands-on program presented by Wild Life Encounters, traveling live animal educators, provided 148 children and 97 adults with an opportunity to see, touch and learn about reptiles, amphibians and birds native to Australia. There was also a visit from a red-necked wallaby.

Summer Evenings at the Library – Children's librarian Jane Moss invited children and their families to an evening with

Trolls and Tricksters. This mischievous group of 14 children and nine adults listened to silly stories and made troll toes for snacks. Next time you are in the library look closely; there are still a few trolls and tricksters hiding in the corners.

An Evening in France – Delphine Hill presented this fun family event. The evening was enjoyed by 19 children and 13 adults. Speaking only in French this cheerful group sang songs, made crepes and played Zingo/French Bingo.

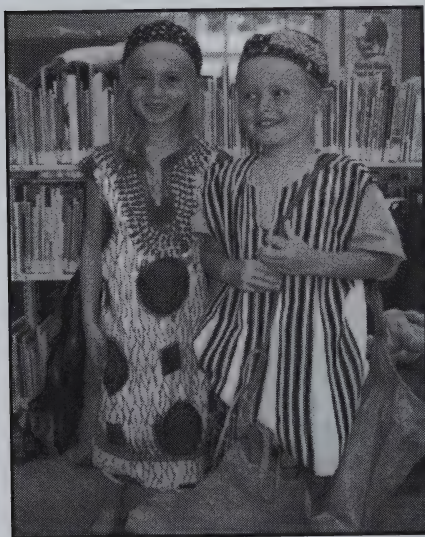
Family Fun Day – The first ever Mummers Play *St. Georgia and the Dragon* was held at the library in December. Eighty audience members were entertained by the cast – Ashlyn Henderson as St. Georgia, Shannon Higgins as Princess Una, Kaila Menard as the Queen, Maddy McColgan as the Jester, Max McColgan as the Horse, Sarah Moran as the Dragon and Nina Spinney as the Fairy Queen Narrator. After the play, cast and guests alike decorated and ate holiday goodies. The children also made luminaries that lit the walkway from the library to the town tree for the annual lighting and carols ceremony.



Rosie Johnson and Laurie Buchar enjoy a drumming session during the One World Many Stories series.

Volunteers

Volunteers helped with many aspects of library operations. Volunteers in 2011 were Dave Barden, Kris Cary, Cheron Barton, Bob Bergeron, Brian Chandler, Barb Cooper, Lisa Correa, Susan Crickman, Don Falkowski, Paula Falkowski, Judy Hale, Nathan Henderson, Dianne Heller, Greg Johnson, Polly Lowe, Nancy Marashio, Diana Morris, Jane Moss, Mike Moss, Bill Moulton, Liz Moulton, Matthew Noyer, Mickey Noyer, Sharon Palmer, Frank Perrotta, Linda Porter, Janet Rucker, Sophia Rucker, Wayne Seaholm, Ken Tentarelli, Liz Tentarelli, Mark Tentarelli, Kaitlin Titus, Sharon Tentarelli, Dianalee Velie and Luisa Wilkonski. For the year, volunteers contributed over 420 hours of labor, or over eight hours per week.



*Children dressed up for the One World
Many Stories event.*

Photo courtesy Rosie Johnson

Wireless Internet Access

Wireless access is available on library computers and patrons' laptops and other electronic devices.

Computer Lessons

Ken Tentarelli of Newbury offered free individualized computer and internet lessons.

Disabled Access

The library is *wheelchair accessible* and delivers materials to the homebound upon request.

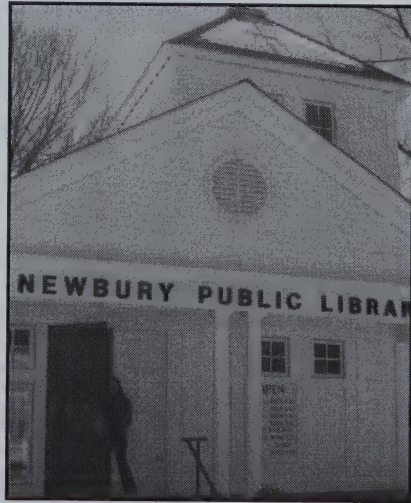
Friends of Newbury Public Library

The Friends of the Library is a non-profit organization that holds quarterly meetings at the library. Meeting dates are posted on the library's website and we encourage all library patrons to attend. This year, the Friends of the Library officers are Liz Moulton, president, Mike Moss, treasurer, Paula Falkowski, secretary, and Jackie Keegan, Diana Morris and Mickey Noyer, directors.

The Friends had a very successful year thanks, once again, to the generosity of library patrons. We were able to provide funding for all of the library programs from children to adult and to support both the book and technology budget of the library. In addition to our annual fundraising campaign, we also held our annual book and bake sale on Memorial Day weekend and a smaller book sale and basket raffle during Old Home Day.

Many thanks to all of the library patrons who attended library events and supported The Friends' fundraising efforts. We couldn't do it without you.

Visit your library. The trustees and staff invite the Newbury community to use the library. Most services are free. For more information, call 763-5803, or go to the library's web site at <http://newburylibrary.net/>.



Rosie Johnson, Librarian

Newbury Historical Society

It was another busy year for the Historical Society as we moved forward with both new and long-term projects and programs. The Society's membership has again grown and more volunteers have stepped forward. That, in turn, has allowed us to accomplish more.

We continued our collaboration with Partners Around Lake Sunapee (PALS) as we held our third program in the *We Remember Newbury* series entitled *Newbury by Road and Rail*. As in the past, audience members were invited to join in by sharing their memories of events and individuals who shaped the town of Newbury.

Frank Perrotta led off the program by identifying a number of old Indian trails, some of which laid the foundation for Province Road – which was so vital to the physical development of Newbury. Jack Noon traced how the modern highway systems, including Route 103, reshaped the town. Dane Malcolm discussed how the C&C Railroad affected daily life when it was the link to the outside world. The C & C connected Newbury with goods and mail, gave residents a way for traveling to school and outings in nearby towns, as well as shopping and entertainment. Thanks to Shelly Candidus and her program committee of Chuck Crickman, Frank Perrotta, and Gay and Marty Sheary for another well-received program.

The annual meeting was held on August 14th. The minutes of the 2010 meeting were accepted as read. The treasurer's report showed the following account balances for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2011: conservation fund, \$974.26; fund for life members, \$5,500.00; and the general fund, \$12,500.89. Dennis Pavlicek presented the nominating committee's slate of Shelly Candidus, Barbara Steward and Claire Vannatta. A second to the motion followed and all were elected unanimously.

Following the business meeting, John Greenwood presented a history of Blodgett's Landing from its beginning as a productive farm to its present neighborhood of close-knit year round and seasonal residents. He shared Blodgett Landing from campground to Spiritualist meetings, to the well-chronicled days of the Casino and entertainment, to today's busy waterfront community. We thank John for taking us on a fascinating journey through the decades with photos and narrative.



*President Abraham Lincoln and his wife Mary Todd pose
for a photo with members of the 54th Massachusetts
Volunteer Infantry at the Old Home Day celebration.*

Photo courtesy Meg Whittemore

Our web site, www.newburyhistorical.org, continues to change and expand under the leadership of Margie Weiler. Check it out for yourself and see what is new.

The historic house marker program, a part of our effort to recognize some of the fine structures in town, continues under the leadership and Gay and Marty Sheary. Total structures displaying the handcrafted plaque now number well over 30. Special thanks to Deane Geddes and Bruce MacKenzie for continuing to produce these fine markers. If you own one of

the 70+ buildings still eligible I urge you to contact the Society for further information and an application form.

The history committee has reemerged with Deane Geddes as chair. Projects that this committee will oversee include the historic map of Newbury, house markers and the historical documentation of the South Newbury Village. All projects are ongoing and welcome additional volunteers.

In 2012, the Society will meet on the second Thursday of January, March, May, September and November. All meetings will be held at the town office at 7:00 p.m. The 2012 annual meeting will be held on Sunday, July 1st at 2:00 PM. This is your Society. We invite and encourage all interested individuals to attend meetings and become involved members. Additionally, we invite you to share your photos, memories and historic documents with us. We will gladly scan and return all items of interest.

Barbara Steward, President

President: Barbara Steward

Vice President: Shelly Candidus

Treasurer: Claire Vannatta

Secretary: Margaret Weiler

Directors: Paula Falkowski, Deane Geddes, Gay Sheary, Mary Thayer and William Weiler, Archivist



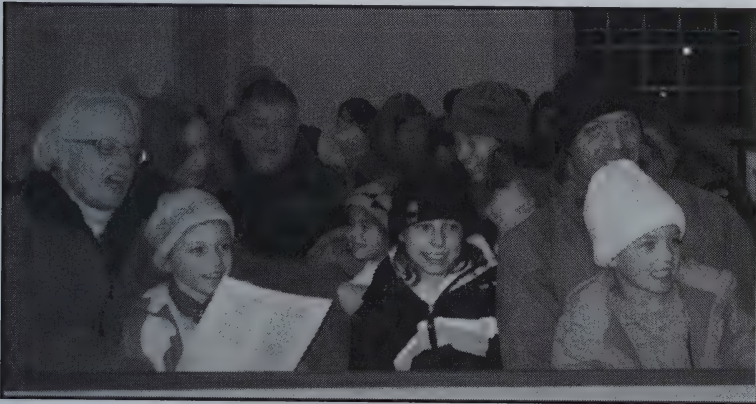
Members of the Historical Society from left to right (front row): Paula Falkowski, Shelly Candidus, Barbara Steward, Margaret Weiler, (back row): Mary Thayer, William Weiler, Deane Geddes and Claire Vannatta.

Photo courtesy Donna Long

Center Meeting House

Saturday, June 18, 2011 was a red-letter date for the Center Meeting House. It was the date of the rededication of the structure which has so lovingly been restored. The afternoon dedication and reception were followed that night with a joyous concert performed by Elisabeth Von Trapp.

The restoration has won several prestigious awards, but far more important is the knowledge that the Center Meeting House will once again serve as a center for activities to unite and enrich our community. The meeting house has served as the site of funerals and renewals of marriage vows, author's readings and book clubs discussions, neighborhood association annual meetings and community volunteer meetings. Old Home Day dedications were marked with the tolling of the bell. Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln spoke to us of the year 1860 as we sat in a building from before that time.



Residents enjoy Christmas caroling in the Center Meeting House.

Photo courtesy Maureen Rosen

The building and the trustees welcomed visitors every Sunday in August from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. On Sunday, September 11th, we held a service of Remembrance and Reflection with our own town's first responders and veterans. In October, we welcomed trick-or-treaters and their families during Newbury's Fall Festival. The Sunday before

Thanksgiving, we gathered food and welcomed Abraham Lincoln and Sarah Josepha Hale to explain the origins of our national day of thanksgiving.

Our year ended with the lighting of the town tree on the first Sunday in December. The luminaries the children had made at the library lit the way to the Center Meeting House where we sang carols accompanied by the old pump organ. The children then rang in the holiday season before we all went outside to sing one last carol as Alice Lynn lit the tree. Then everyone headed over to the town office for refreshments offered by Newbury Beautification Committee.



Christmas tree at the all lit up.

Photo courtesy Maureen Rosen

The Center Meeting House is available for all the milestones and simple activities of your life. It is meant to be used. In 2012 there will be talks entitled *All About Newbury* in the meeting house each Saturday morning in June. To kick off the Old Home Day celebrations, there will be a Caribbean themed party and concert the night before and then an open house on Old Home Day. On August 11th, we are coordinating a tour of seven meeting houses in the Kearsarge area. Annual town-wide events are planned in October, November, and December. Check out our website, www.centermeetinghouse.org for details and keep an eye on our sign in front of the building. Let us know your ideas.

Thank you for your support in the past and please continue to join with us to make the Center Meeting House all it can be.

Joy Nowell

Transfer Station

Some changes were made to the transfer station to improve its operation and ease for the residents. One of these changes included placing a concrete pad under the metals box to give residents an opportunity to drive right up to the box to dispose of their metals.

Recyclable Material	Amount Recycled in 2011
Aluminum Cans	6,710 pounds
Paper	98.38 tons
Scrap Metal	52 tons

The efforts of the townspeople have been exceptional this year, especially with the plastics. The residents really seem to be taking recycling to heart.



A group of stuffed animals have found a popular nook to hang out in amongst a rock formation on Old Post Road.

Photo courtesy Maureen Rosen

Just as a reminder, the transfer station hours of operation are: Mondays 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; Wednesday 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and, Saturdays and Sundays 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The fees for disposal of the following waste are: Construction and demolition \$30 per half or small pick-up, \$50 for full-size pick-up, \$60 per one-ton truck; \$10 for stoves, heaters, washers, dryers, dishwashers, microwaves, convection ovens, or water heaters; \$25 for air conditioners, refrigerators, or freezers (doors must be removed); \$3 for tires less than 16", \$10 for tires 16" and greater; \$10 for TVs and monitors less than 19"; \$5 for CPUs and printers; \$10 for stereo systems; and \$5 for VCRs, table radios, DVD players, satellites and cassette players.

Please remember to pick up your 2012 transfer station permit at the town office. If you plan to rent your home on a weekly basis, please ask for a temporary permit at the town office for your renters.

Thank you for all your help and keep up the good work in 2012.

*Churchill Heselton, Chief Operator
Steve Palermo, Attendant*



*Churchill Heselton (left) and
Steve Palermo (right) keep
things running smoothly at
the Transfer Station.*

Photo courtesy Donna Long

Information Booth

The summer of 2011 was very busy at the information booth. We saw 2,685 visitors from all over the world including Italy, England, Sweden, Germany, China, Hong Kong, Scotland and Denmark. There were also visitors who rode their bikes from Canada who stopped by our booth for maps of the area.

Most visitors want trail maps, road maps and bike maps. The most frequently asked questions included: Where are the tour boats? Where is Eagle's Nest? Where do we rent a boat? Where do we launch a boat? Are there covered bridges? Where can we rent kayaks?

Every summer brings new visitors, new queries and new stories. We like to think we represent our town and help people to get to know Newbury.

We look forward to an even busier and better 2012.

*Martha von Redlich,
Jane Johnsen, Charles Killam and Jim Tinker*



*Jane Johnsen, Charles Killam and Martha von Redlich
greet visitors of Newbury from all over the world.*

Photo courtesy Donna Long

Parks and Recreation

2011 was a great year for Newbury parks and recreation, with new additions to our programming, park improvements, town dock, beach area assessments and truly wonderful staff. The recreation department also joined efforts this year with a local American Cancer Society Relay for Life team known as 'Fit to Fight' to host the first Chicken Farmer 5K run. This was a huge success with 190 participants taking part in this inaugural event. We also began planning for a year-round Newbury recreation schedule, with ideas coming from young and old for new winter programming. The new winter/spring programs that will be available will be posted in the town newsletter.



Enjoying a tasty treat after a hard day's play at the mom's afternoon off program. Seated from left to right: Hannah Wilson, Nadia Spiegel, Mia Spiegel, Brooke Lacombe, Camden Dezotell and Reese Lacombe.

Photo courtesy Travis Dezotell

This year we held a shorter and earlier July soccer camp that complemented our August camp. This proved to be very successful. We also added many fun day-trips to the mom's afternoon off program which took place on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We went to Whale's Tale Water Park, Franconia

Notch State Park and the Flume, and Canobie Lake Park. All the trips were very fun. For the second straight year we also organized a trip to see the New England Revolution (MLS Soccer) in Foxboro, MA.



A group of kids having fun at Whale's Tale Water Park.

Photo courtesy Travis Dezotell

The summer staff had two exemplary employees who helped make the camps enjoyable and safe for all who participated – Adam Justice, of Newbury who attends Franklin Pierce University, and Georgia Steese of Wilmot, NH, who attends Rivier College. Both of these up-and-comers were tremendous examples to our campers and helped to provide such a good environment that several parents have already requested their return for next year. A big thanks to these two for their efforts.

Fishersfield Park had another busy year. The hiking trails saw many improvements with three new bridge crossings that protect the wetlands area and help to keep feet dry. Over 70 fallen trees were removed from immediate trail areas and 10 standing dead snags that endangered the trail areas were also cut down. This is something we try to avoid as snags make

important habitat for woodland raptors, but we must remove any that are hanging dangerously over the trails. The soccer field has finally come into its own with the grass developing beautifully and growing all summer. There were 38 days of competition on the field this summer, as well as eight days of soccer camp, and regular usage has gone way up. We now have several daily walkers in the park and have a great number of hikers using the facility on a weekly basis. With over 380 guidebooks being used this summer, it was great to see people out and enjoying the 5-plus miles of family-friendly hiking, as well as enjoying the 25 interpretive stations spread throughout the park.

The parks and recreation department has focused on using the Merrimack County Work Crew (MCWC) for coverage of large



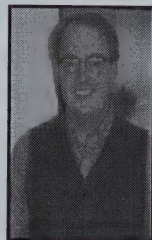
A group of girls enjoying an afternoon of swimming at the Mom's Afternoon Off program.

Photo courtesy Travis Dezotell

labor efforts instead of hiring a labor force at a cost to the residents. The MCWC completes projects like beach clean-up, painting of buildings, bridge building in the park, tree removal and trail projects. They also helped in some phases of the Veterans Hall improvements. We used the MCWC this year

for over 750 man hours, which resulted in quite a cost savings. The summer concert series continued with the increased popularity of our Saturday afternoon shows drawing really big crowds. The Thursday night shows were again very popular and brought lots of folks down to the harbor during the week for a great musical evening on the lake. We really enjoyed showing off the harbor area with great bands coming to town and playing in this beautiful setting. In 2012, watch for rainy night events to be moved into our improved Veterans Hall stage area. That means no more worrying about rain dates – the show will go on!

Many thanks to the many volunteers and committee members who help bring all these exciting programs and events to our town. Without this spirit of volunteerism, it could never happen. The Newbury parks and recreation department is committed to living up to this spirit and continuing to work to and improve our ongoing contribution to the community in 2012.



Travis Dezotell, Parks and Recreation Director

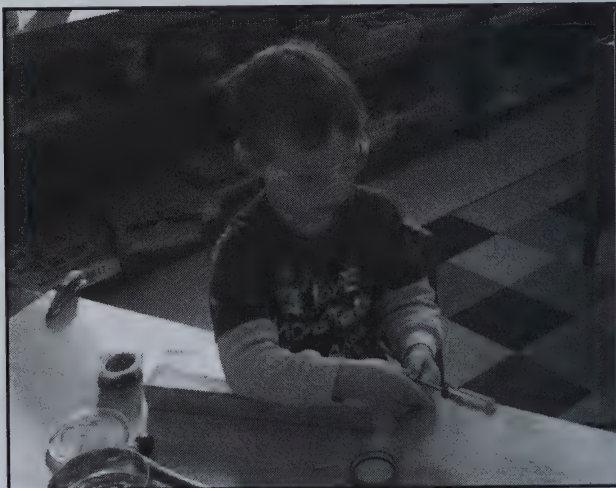


*Tennis camp at Fishersfield.
Photo courtesy Travis Dezotell*

Kearsarge Area Preschool

Located in the Bradford Area Community Center, Kearsarge Area Preschool (KAP) is a parent-run cooperative preschool serving three-, four-, and five-year-olds in Bradford, Newbury, and neighboring towns. The preschool is a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit organization, governed by a board of directors, and licensed by the state of New Hampshire. At KAP, parents and teachers collaborate to create a safe, warm and nurturing environment where children can have a positive preschool experience. Children are engaged with developmentally appropriate materials and activities to support and encourage social, emotional, physical and intellectual growth.

In 2011, Kearsarge Area Preschool welcomed new lead teacher Nicole Wallace. Miss Nicole was promoted from her previous position as KAP's assistant teacher. Born and raised in Newbury (and even attending first grade in the very classroom she now leads), Miss Nicole is a familiar face around town, having taught swimming lessons in Bradford and Newbury for the past ten years. Prior to joining the KAP staff, Nicole had the unique experience of teaching abroad in Ecuador. Today Nicole shares her appreciation of world cultures with her students by engaging them in hands-on lessons in global music, food, literature and languages.



Alex Spinney trying his hand at wood working.

Photo courtesy Nicole Wallace

In 2011, KAP's families, friends, alumni and teacher Miss Nicole guided the preschool in its tradition of local philanthropy. Early in the year, KAP joined forces with Brown Memorial Library to sponsor an egg hunt and photos with the Easter Bunny. In early autumn, the preschool co-sponsored Bradford Fun Day with Bradford Parks and Recreation. In October, the community's trick-or-treaters were invited inside the school for free crafts and games. Before the holidays, KAP families donated a Thanksgiving basket to a local family in need. And in December, the preschool hosted its annual "Breakfast with Santa Claus" where local children met Santa, shared their wish lists with him, and sat for a photo. Additionally, KAP regularly welcomed community guests into the classroom, including a young disabled woman and her caregiver, providing an enriching experience for the preschoolers and their visitors.



*Students assemble a Thanksgiving basket
for a local family in need.*

Photo courtesy Nicole Wallace

Kearsarge Area Preschool is located within a short distance of many valuable community resources. Throughout the year, the class walked to Brown Memorial Library for story time and took walking field trips to the town's fire station, Bradford Smithy Shop, Mountain View Senior Center and Tall Pines Scenic Area. Additionally, the students were able to deepen their understanding of the natural world through numerous nature walks, camping on the school's front lawn, learning

about ocean life on beach day, visiting a local farm, planting their own garden, composting in the classroom and enjoying visits with baby animals.



Students have a campfire on the front lawn of KAP.

The Kearsarge Area Preschool takes great pleasure in offering an affordable, high quality early childhood program to our community. For more information about enrollment at KAP, please call 603-938-2442.

Kellie Spinney, Secretary

**Board of Directors
2011-2012**

President: Carrie Guerrette
Treasurer: Megan Hurley
Secretary: Kellie Spinney
Officers: Lisa Cicoria and Donna Magee

Bradford-Newbury-Sutton Youth Sports

Bradford-Newbury-Sutton Youth Sports (BNSYS) is a non-profit organization which provides quality athletic opportunities for local youths. BNSYS owns and maintains the structures and facilities at Warren Brook Park, located on Old Warner Road, in Bradford. We are fortunate also to be allowed the use of the baseball fields at Kearsarge Regional Elementary School in Bradford, and Brown-Shattuck Memorial Park, in exchange for maintenance and upkeep of the buildings and playing surfaces during respective seasons of use.

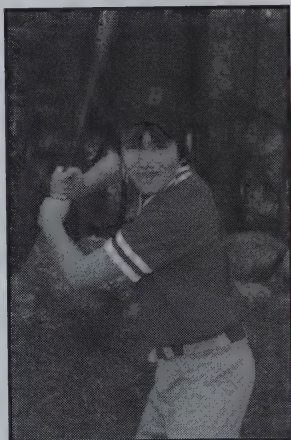
For over 20 years BNSYS has facilitated t-ball, baseball, softball and soccer activities for children age four through twelve, without ever having to turn a child away for inability to pay or lack of proper equipment. More recently, BNSYS absorbed the defunct Kearsarge area Babe Ruth Baseball organization and turned it into a very entertaining and exciting program for 13- through 15- year old boys within the seven towns which make up the Kearsarge school district. Because of



*2011 BNSYS baseball team.
Photo courtesy Donna Long*

the expanded service area and greater organizational expenses, BNSYS has ensured that the Babe Ruth program is completely self-funded.

All of the programs within BNSYS are run with entirely volunteer labor and organization. All members of the board of directors (listed below) are volunteers. Coaching and fundraising are done by volunteers, as is the maintenance of our fields and facilities. Our largest expenses at BNSYS are insurance and athletic equipment. Beyond that, we expend funds for uniforms, electricity, toilet rental, field and building maintenance supplies, fuel, criminal background checks for all volunteers and advertising. The funding for our programs comes mostly from our continued fundraising efforts. The "snack shacks" operated during sporting events have become well known throughout our region, and the annual golf tournament hosted by BNSYS at the Country Club of New Hampshire has become a highly anticipated event by many area businesses and individuals. BNSYS players are charged a nominal fee to participate in their respective sport, with financial aid available for those who cannot afford to play. We are very fortunate and very grateful to receive donations from local residents and establishments, as well as the contributions which the three towns we serve provide to us through taxation.



Chet Critch at bat.

Photo courtesy Donna Long

In the spring of 2011, BNSYS hosted a season opening baseball/softball tournament which attracted over 20 teams to Warren Brook Park, with each team participating in at least two games. Our U-15 softball girls, managed by Martha Thompson, won the championship within our district, as did Steve Bailey's Babe Ruth Baseball team. We also had four baseball players on a Cal Ripken League all-star team which

won the state championship, and performed strongly in the regional tournament. Thank you to Bill Vierzon for his dedication to these young athletes.



*Caela Budd ready
to play ball.*

Photo courtesy Donna Long

The mid-summer soccer camp was, once again, a tremendous success due to the hard work and organization of Jen Dow. The European coaches, for whom Jen makes arrangements, are always impressed with our youngsters, the parental involvement and the continued success of our small town program. The coaches always seem a little reluctant to leave this beautiful area after a week of training. The fall soccer teams at

BNSYS have produced some remarkably talented players for the advanced programs in our region and beyond. In 2011, we had current or former players showing off their skills at Kimball Union Academy, Proctor Academy, Upper Valley



U-10 2011 softball team.

Photo courtesy Donna Long

Lightning Soccer Club, Bishop Brady High School, and Kearsarge middle and high schools. The annual BNSYS soccer tournament, highlighted by our U-12 boys first place trophy, attracted nearly 500 players and spectators to the fields at Warren Brook Park.

BNSYS has continued success on the agenda for 2012. We hope to put the finishing touches on the Sam Emery Memorial Baseball Field at Warren Brook Park in time for the season opening baseball/softball tournament. This field will be the only convertible 60/70-foot Cal Ripken Baseball diamond in our region and will afford us the opportunity to host events and tournaments which have only been available in Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire. We are also in the process of becoming host to an American Legion baseball team for Kearsarge area players age 16 and 17. As with the Babe Ruth team(s), this team will be completely self-funded, with home games being played at Warren Brook Park as well as at Kearsarge High School.

For more information on all of our events, please visit www.bnsys.org. Print our event schedule and visit our facilities. We need your help and financial support in order to maintain and continually improve this program. The directors, coaches – and most of all the players – really want to show you what we do. Come down, buy a sausage sub and a drink and enjoy a game.

Steven S. Patten, President

Board of Directors

Field Maintenance Director: Rod McConnell

Baseball Director: Dennis Heiner

Equipment Director: Steve Bailey

The Fells

Newbury residents, visitors and business owners are welcome year-round to The Fells to enjoy our programs and services. We thank the Town of Newbury's officials and employees for their ongoing collaboration. Together we are able to fulfill our mission to welcome people of all ages, making each visit an enriching experience with opportunities to explore and learn from our natural lakeside setting, renowned gardens, and historic achievements of statesman John Hay.



Children enjoying a day of environmental camp at the Fells.

Photo courtesy Travis Dezotell

Winter is an excellent time to enjoy the grounds at The Fells. If you tread softly, you might see mink, deer and other woodland animals, and hear beautiful birdsong. Hikers and snowshoers visit The Fells daily. In January, our neighbors and long-term friends Fay and Dave Barden led an annual trek along the trails. Kathleen Stowell, education director of the Lake Sunapee Protective Association (LSPA), conducted a walk in February. Additionally, several nature programs for pre-schoolers are held during the winter months.

In the spring, The Fells heats up with more nature-themed activities for preschoolers and adults. Last year, adult programs focused on vegetable gardening, wildflowers and vernal pools. Partnerships with the Northeast Heather Society and the New England Wild Flower Society brought many new visitors to The Fells and the town.

Summer at The Fells brings new sights and activities in the gardens. The North American Rock Garden Society held their annual meeting here and brought more than 150 people from all over the United States and Canada. Trail walks focused on wildflowers, ferns, photography, hidden history and bird watching. Our annual plant sale, held in June, is one of our signature events. We also held a reception for our members, who previewed two exhibits, *Art in Nature Sculpture* and *Inspiration from the Fells: Rock Garden Plants*. The event was attended by 225 members, who enjoyed artist talks, a buffet and musical entertainment. Another exhibit, *Of Wood and Wool*, opened with a reception attended by 100 partygoers. A program about John Hay attracted 250 guests. We also held classes on making rustic outdoor furniture, a day of landscape painting and an artist's weekend. Children's activities included an *Art in Nature* series, a field trip for Hillsborough students and a day camp held by the NH Audubon Society. Our annual Hay Day attracted more than 300 visitors.

Autumn at The Fells is always colorful. Trail walks helped visitors learn to identify trees and mushrooms. Polypores, a special form of mushroom, were the focus of a craft workshop. We held more nature programs for preschoolers, and the LSPA brought New London fourth graders to the site for a watershed study.

Many programs are free of charge or priced low to make all people welcome. Memberships, our annual fund and special events help offset the expenses. Our 11th benefit auction raised spirits, bids and more than \$58,000 to our bottom line. Our

biennial holiday patron party and house tour far exceeded expectations, with revenues netting nearly \$20,000.



A day at the Fells.
Photo courtesy Travis Dezotell

In 2011 we collaborated with the town of Newbury in many ways. On July 9th and 10th we held two *Thank You Newbury Days*, which were attended by more than 50 local neighbors. Newbury residents were also invited with the general public to visit The Fells free of charge on June 23rd and July 7th. Also, the town organized an annual recreation and ecology camp at The Fells. Each year we provide the Newbury library with a complimentary Fells membership and free admission passes. As part of Newbury Old Home Day, we always offer free Fells admission to all Newbury residents and employees. Local partnerships include the Newbury public library, Sunapee Hills Association, 1806 House, Blue Goose Inn, Lakeview Motor Lodge, Sunapee View Bed & Breakfast and Newbury Beautification Committee. A special thank-you goes to Mount

Sunapee Resort and Omega Structural Engineers for sponsoring our activities in 2011. We hosted a reception for all of our business partners, who received free admission passes and recognition in our publications and website. This year we also addressed the preservation of the historic buildings and landscape. With professional consultation, the volunteer maintenance team, led by Newbury resident and Fells board member Tom Guterl, repaired the dormers on the south side and the pebble court side of the main house. Landscape director Jeff Good completed the restoration of the c. 1909 old garden. Mark your calendar for Sunday, July 8, 2012, when we celebrate this milestone with a gala event. The Fells board of directors also made the commitment to repair the pebble court stone wall and main house veranda. The work is seriously needed. The total cost is estimated to be \$160,000; \$13,000 is still needed to be raised before construction may begin. We hope to start on the stone wall in the spring and the veranda in September 2012.

The Fells experienced many staff changes in 2011. We bade farewell to education director Mary Kronenwetter, and Michael Caduto took over the position in April. Karen Zurheide left as executive director, and Newbury resident and Fells board member David Bashaw volunteered as the interim executive director. His daughter, Sarah, worked as the site manager during the summer, and his wife, Kathy, also served as a key volunteer. In November Jeff Good resigned as the landscape director to spend more time caring for his clients in his private business. He will continue to serve on the acquisition and landscape committees. After a national search, I was hired as the new executive director and began employment in November. It is a privilege to work for this fine institution, in such beautiful and nationally significant surroundings, and with so many educated and talented neighbors in Newbury.

Mary Rose Boswell, Executive Director

Newbury Beautification Committee

The members of the Newbury Beautification Committee (NBC) work together for the good of Newbury and 2011 proved to be a year in which that cooperative spirit was in full flower.

In March, we continued our tradition of hosting the annual ham and bean supper before town meeting. Good food and conversation were great ways to bring our community together before the meeting.

The Saturday of Memorial Day weekend was the official beginning of our beautification duties. We held our annual plant sale, with proceeds from the sale contributing to the beautiful plantings and flowers in the town baskets, barrels and window boxes. We watered, weeded and deadheaded the plants and our efforts were rewarded with lovely blossoms all summer long. You may have noticed a new addition to our arsenal of gardening supplies. Dennis Pavlicek, town administrator, negotiated a golf cart donation from Baker Hill Golf Club that made plant watering easier and safer. NBC equipped it with a 50 gallon water tank, and we were able to water without balancing on wobbly ladders and lugging heavy water jugs from plant to plant. Thank you, Dennis and Baker Hill Golf Club.



Ted Jones and Tina Colehower use the newly donated golf cart equipped with a 50 gallon water tank.

Photo courtesy Maureen Rosen

During the spring, NBC awarded our first annual scholarship to a Kearsarge High School graduate. The 2011 recipient was Alicia Cline who chose to attend Connecticut College with a major in pre-med. We continued our community support to the library by donating several books on gardening and passes to their museum program.

In July, we once again patriotically marched in the fourth of July parade, sporting our NBC banner and watering cans. Later in the month we provided salads and served dinner to 525 people who attended Old Home Day. We were pleased to make a donation to the South Newbury Friendship House who so graciously allowed us to use their facilities for preparing the salads.



NBC members serving dinner guests at Old Home Day.

Photo courtesy Meg Whittemore

We participated in the Fall Festival in October and began preparations for our 5th annual wreath sale held on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Folks from far and near eagerly anticipated this event. Before the sale, our members made beautiful hostess gifts, and during the sale our “elves” worked their magic decorating exquisite wreaths for our customers. Profits from the sale allowed us to green the town from one end to the other, as we all began to feel the spirit of the

holidays. Our continued thanks go to the local businesses that graciously purchased wreaths and red bows making the entire town look festive. During the month of November, NBC was also happy to furnish refreshments for the Center Meeting House Thanksgiving celebration held on November 20th.

The Christmas tree lighting held the first Sunday in December once again reminded us of how special old fashioned holidays in New England can be. We lit the town tree, sang carols, rang the Center Meeting House bell and, of course, enjoyed goodies provided by our group. Finally, at the end of the month, NBC started what we hope is a new tradition for Newbury. The Trees for Trails was a project that began by collecting and then chipping our discarded Christmas trees. The chips will be used on the Fishersfield Trails in the spring of 2012. And so, our year ended as it began – all working together for the good of Newbury.



The ladies preparing for the Christmas tree lighting.

Photo courtesy Tom Nowell

Throughout the year, we were treated to several educational and down-right enjoyable programs. We toured Hopewell Farms, the Philbrick-Cricenti Bog, the Tracy Library Olmstead Garden, Polly Lowe's hosta gardens and LSPA's rain garden. We always encourage our members, associate members and friends to support and attend these wonderful programs.

Sadly, NBC lost a beloved associate member in 2011. Dave Thayer passed away on January 5th. He worked happily and tirelessly throughout the years with his wife, Mary, at his side. We also lost a special friend to NBC, Will Willis, on June 19th. Will was always eagerly available to us with a warm smile and helping hand for anything we needed. Both Dave and Will have been, and will continue to be, deeply missed.

As always, NBC appreciates the support we receive from the Newbury community. We welcome new members with open arms. Thank you to all who attended our fundraisers and noticed our efforts to beautify the town. If you would like information about NBC, please call Diana Morris at 763-5859 or Diane Jones at 927-4006.

Diane Jones, President

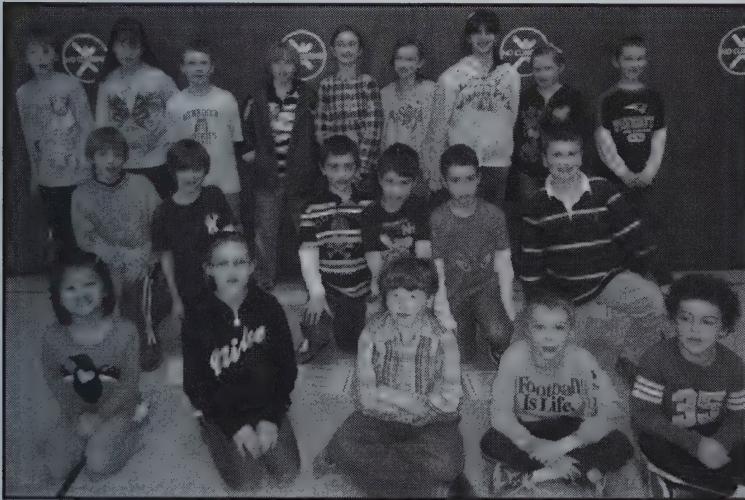


*Past president Judy Healey passes the bell
to newly elected president Diane Jones.*

Photo courtesy Edward Wollensak

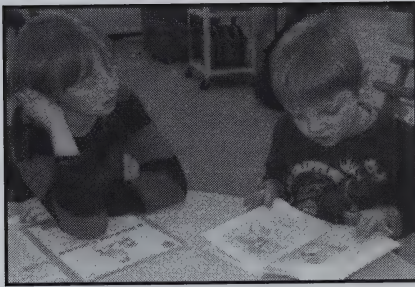
Kearsarge Regional School Board

The Kearsarge Regional School District has had a very productive year. We continue to receive numerous awards and commendations and have made great strides in the education of our students. With the dedication of our staff we have made enormous progress in the maintenance of our buildings. The voter-approved bond for energy improvements is now in place and we are starting to see the benefit of that work. Utility costs are decreasing and the buildings are much more comfortable. We have negotiated a new contract with our professional staff. While this contract is only for one year, it does provide for some salary increase, which we hope will help us retain our dedicated staff, who have not had any increase for two years.



Winners of the Continental Math League Award seated left to right (front row) Haili LeBoeuf, Sophie Shields, Finn Kasregis, Nathan Taylor, Jacob LaBelle, (second row) Caleb Hasey, Jacob Wheeler, Ian McLennand, Kevin Purcell, Owen Purcell, Mathew Ulrich, (third row) Scott Bassi, Adam Bassi, Cooper Nadeau, Jacob Long, Jenny Hebert, Shannon Higgins, Ashley Clark, Hailey Hogancamp and Joseph Baldasaro.

Photo courtesy Cathy Mayne



Jacob Long and Noah Boisvert take part in the reading buddy program.

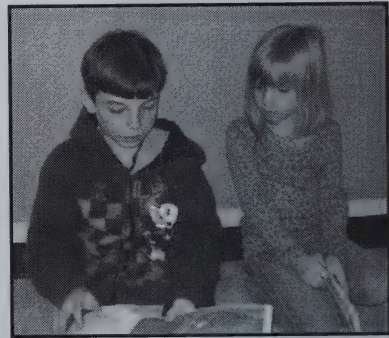
Photo courtesy Cathy Mayne

copied our program, complete with the name "blizzard bag".

We completed the second year of our pilot "blizzard bag" program with great success. We are now in the third year of this innovative learning method. This is just one of many exciting

educational ideas that we are bringing forward. The state of Ohio has even

While we succeed in many ways, we struggle to balance the costs and ability of the taxpayer to meet the ever increasing demands of education. The manner in which we provide education is constantly being examined to see how we can spend less and continue to provide an exemplary education. This year, through the dedicated work of the school administration, the board and the municipal budget committee are bringing forward a budget that is 1.9% lower than last year's approved budget.



Christopher Schnyer reads to his reading buddy.

Photo courtesy Cathy Mayne

In closing, I would like to thank our administration, faculty and staff for their unwavering commitment to our students. Newbury's 227 students are well served by the Kearsarge Regional School District., and every resident of Newbury should be pleased with the education that our students are receiving.

Daniel H. Wolf, Chair

Cemetery Trustees

In 2011 the trustees attended the annual cemetery trustees meeting in Concord.

The cemetery computer files have been completed after 3 ½ years of effort. As of November 7, 2011, all the current records of grave sites and burials have been cataloged by cemetery, name, stone and monument sizes, veteran lots, and pictures and epitaphs of each stone on every lot site. A computer disc of all this information has been given to the town library and the historical society.

Charles Kennedy has joined the trustees as a newly elected member replacing Michael Moss, who retired from the committee.

Flags were purchased for the veteran sites in all the cemeteries. Bronze markers were purchased and provided for those sites that did not have them.



The iron heading over the main gate of Bean Cemetery was erected in 1885 in honor of Samuel Bean.

Photo courtesy Paul Riley

Burial certificates and death certificates were cataloged this past year and are now up-to-date in the town clerk's office.

Newbury Beautification Committee (NBC) donated holiday wreaths for several cemeteries this year.

There were 11 burials in 2011 with five casket and six crematory burials. There were also eight other deaths – two out-of-town burials and six others going to the family. Also, there were four lots purchased.

Research is continuing for the Johnson Cemetery located off Old Province Road. The site was located and it looks like there are about six depressions in the ground. There are no markers and only a stone wall surrounding the location. Records of earlier owners are being researched.

Additionally, we would like to thank all of the people who have assisted the cemetery trustees in the various tasks that needed to be performed in managing the cemeteries.

*Paul Riley, Chair
Charles Kennedy and Judith Healey*



*Cemetery trustees Paul Riley, Judith Healey
and Charles Kennedy.
Photo courtesy Donna Long*

Planning Board

The Newbury Planning Board has both regulatory and planning functions. In its regulatory capacity, the board advises applicants, holds public meetings and takes action on the adoption of zoning ordinances and amendments, annexations, lot line adjustments, major and minor subdivisions and site plan reviews for commercial properties, which includes multi-family housing. The board also writes and/or amends regulations for site plan review and land subdivision control regulations. In its planning capacity, the board develops and guides the town master plan and leads the effort to create and maintain the town's Capital Improvements Program (CIP).

The Newbury Planning Board conducts regular meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at the Newbury town offices. The board may also hold work session meetings, as needed, on the first Tuesday of any given month. In 2011, the board held 12 regular meetings with hearings and ten work sessions which included the following special agendas:

January 4, 2011: Public hearing on amendments to the Newbury zoning ordinance

March 1, 2011: Lake Sunapee Watershed Infrastructure Project with the Lake Sunapee Protective Association (LSPA)

September 6, 2011: Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act with the LSPA

October 18, 2011: Capital Improvements Program for 2012-17

All meetings are open to the public.

Regulatory Work:

The Planning Board conducted public hearings for site plan review applications, annexation/lot line adjustments,

minor subdivision applications and numerous conceptual applications. The Planning Board conducted one noticed site visit on September 26, 2011.

Projects reviewed in 2011:

- 9 voluntary mergers of lots of record
- 3 annexation/lot-line adjustments
- 0 minor subdivisions
- 1 major subdivision
- 4 site plan reviews
- 12 conceptual hearings
- 2 conditional use permit hearings



Luminary lanterns light the way from the Center Meeting House to the library during the annual tree lighting.

Photo courtesy Maureen Rosen

There are four proposed amendments to the Newbury Zoning Ordinance to appear on the March 2012 ballot for public vote. Amendment #1 proposes to amend Article 2.58 to clarify the definition for road frontage. Amendment #2 proposes to amend Article 4.5 Frontage Requirement (Business District) and Article 5.8 Frontage Requirement (Residential District) to clarify frontage requirements in both districts. Amendment #3 proposes to amend Article II Definitions to add a definition for a bed and breakfast. Amendment #4 proposes to amend Article

4.10 Accessory Apartments (Business District) and Article 5.7 Accessory Apartments (Residential District) to specify that per-diem rentals of accessory apartments are not permitted.

The Planning Board, through sub-committees and at work sessions, will continue to work on future amendments to the zoning ordinance in preparation for the March 2013 ballot.



Kids watch a performance of Mad Science at Old Home Day.

Photo courtesy Meg Whittemore

Planning Functions:

The 2012-2017 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) has been updated by the CIP sub-committee and approved by the Planning Board on October 18, 2011. The CIP is to identify and prioritize the town of Newbury's capital improvements needs and to recommend a schedule for the funding, purchase or construction of those improvements. Special thanks goes to the CIP committee: Ivor Freeman, chair, Rachel Ruppel, planning consultant, Dennis Pavlicek, town administrator, Jim Powell, selectman, Ron Williams, planning board, and Bruce Barton, at-large member.

In addition, the Planning Board engages in an ongoing review and revision of its site plan and subdivision regulations and rules of procedure.

Acknowledgements:

I would like to thank the members of the Planning Board who have served and continue to serve on the board. I am fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with this dedicated, knowledgeable and responsible group of individuals. Each is an individual asset to the town of Newbury. Thank you to the 2011-2012 board members: Ron Williams, vice-chair, Travis Dezotell, Bruce Healey, Russell Smith, Bill Weiler, Jim Powell, ex-officio, board of selectmen, and Deane Geddes and Alison Kinsman, alternates. Thank you also to Meg Whittemore, recording secretary, and Denise Sherrill, land use coordinator.

A special thank-you goes to Rachel Ruppel, planning consultant/advisor. Although 2011 was her first year working with the Planning Board in that capacity, her competent demeanor, preparedness and work ethic are qualities very much appreciated by the board. Welcome to the team.

Thomas W. Vannatta, Chair



Members of the planning board from left to right: Ron Williams, Bill Weiler, Russ Smith, Bruce Healey, Tom Vannatta, Deane Geddes and Rachel Ruppel.

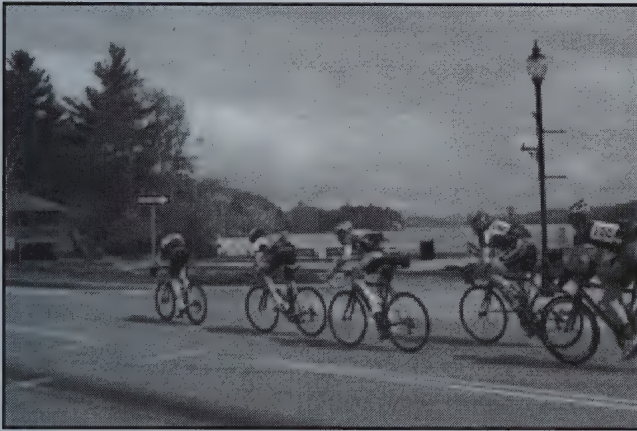
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Zoning Board of Adjustment

Without a doubt, 2011 was a challenging and demanding year for the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA). The cases that came before us were frequently complex, difficult and time consuming. The board devoted its considerable skill and dedication to each case and I am deeply grateful for their hard work. The town of Newbury is fortunate to have such a dedicated group of citizens and I am very proud of the board's professional process and diligent attention to each case.

In total, the ZBA conducted 15 hearings in 2011 for the following cases:

- Variance – nine (9)
- Special Exception – three (3)
- Motion for Rehearing – three (3)



*Bikers ride by the harbor in the 37th
Annual Lake Sunapee Bike Race.*

Photo courtesy Maureen Rosen

I would like to remind everyone that the ZBA final meeting minutes are posted on the town website, www.newburynh.org, and are available for viewing in hard copy at the town offices. All ZBA minutes (draft and final) are available by request through the Land Use Coordinator during regular business

hours. Additionally, all ZBA meetings are open to the public. Meetings are scheduled for the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the town offices.

I would also like to thank Meg Whittemore, recording secretary, for her impeccable minutes and unwavering support. Additional thanks to Denise Sherrill, land use coordinator, for her work with the applicants.

Katheryn Holmes, Chairperson

Vice chair: Peter Fichter

Member: Harry Seidel

Member: Barbara Richmond

Member: Sue Russell

Alternate: Alex Azodi

Alternate: Steve Russell



Members of the zoning board from left to right: Barbara Richmond, Sue Russell, Harry Seidel, Steve Russell, Katheryn Homes and Peter Fichter.

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“We served 13,198 Merrimack County residents from October 2010 to September 2011 with our various programs such as 4-H, Nutrition Connections, agriculture, forestry, money management and parenting, reaching residents in all 27 towns in the county.”

Who we are:

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What we do:

The Extension offers programs in parenting, family finances, food safety, home gardening, 4-H (including clubs, camps, special interest programs and after school programs for children and teens), nutrition education for low-income families and community-based gardening education. We respond to the needs of forest landowners, commercial farmers, niche growers, farmers' markets and many other groups.

UNH Cooperative Extension is a sought-after resource throughout Merrimack County where educators are called upon to provide technical assistance to towns and communities in municipal and community strategic planning, after-school development and early childhood programming, town forests and community natural resources.

We provide guidance to community boards on current use, timber tax law and other land-use issues. We also provide

technical support and assistance to many community programs with the latest research and best practices.

How we do it:

UNH Cooperative Extension field staff bring these programs to county residents through hands-on workshops, site visits, seminars, conferences, phone consultations, video-conferences, printed materials, correspondence courses, a statewide toll-free information line and a large statewide website. Additionally, the Extension partners with other programs to bring the best to the citizens of Merrimack County.

UNH Extension trains and supports more than 5,000 volunteers statewide including 4-H leaders, master gardeners, wildlife coverts, community tree stewards, water quality monitors, marine docents and others, who extend the reach of Extension programs into many domains of New Hampshire life.

Continued areas of emphasis:

This year, self-sufficiency and a safe personal food supply were on many citizens' minds. We held how-to workshops for growing your own food and raising backyard livestock as well as food preservation and canning. These were attended by well over 949 Merrimack County Citizens.

Our state-wide Home & Garden Center toll free information line staffed by volunteers fielded 418 calls from Merrimack County residents.

Bullying and cyber-bullying has been much in the news and the Extension responded with workshops and information for parents, community organizations, law enforcement and schools. The Extension launched a research and curriculum project to develop a middle school anti-bullying program.

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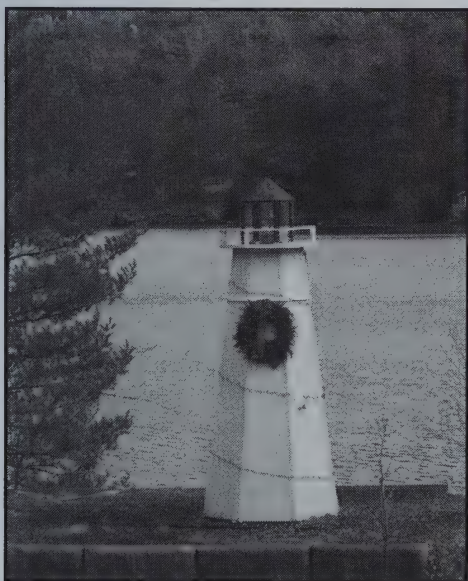
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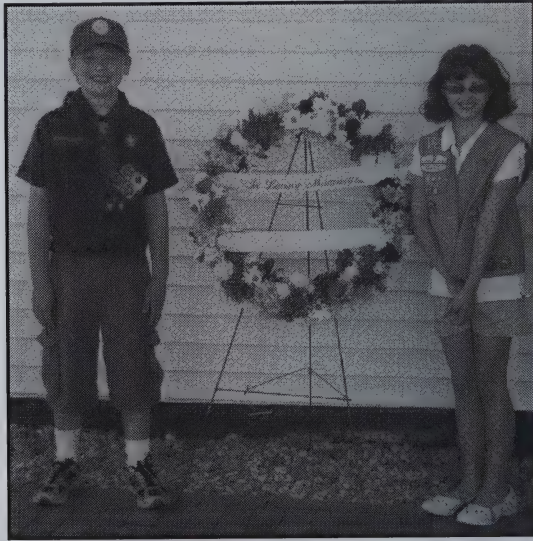


*The lighthouse in Newbury Harbor
decorated for the holidays.*

Photo courtesy Edward Wollensak

Police Department

2011 was a quiet year for the Newbury police department. The snowy end of winter kept the skiers skiing and the traffic flowing. The cooler spring and summer, coupled with a less-than-perfect economy, yielded a relatively quiet season for the lake-goers. Hopefully, the mild entrance to winter we've experienced doesn't represent the calm before the storm.



Cub scout Scott Bassi (left) and girl scout Gabrielle Smith (right) take part in the memorial service at Old Home Day.

Photo courtesy Meg Whittemore

The members of your police force have continued to amaze me in their efforts to keep Newbury high on the list of the safest places on earth to live. Overall, crime in Newbury remains at all-time lows, while the incidents that do take place are being resolved at astoundingly high success rates. Traffic too, has been smooth and stable with the accident rate being almost completely dominated by errant animal encounters or unique weather. Both of these types of events, while they can't be entirely avoided, can be mitigated by remaining more alert and timing road travel more carefully.

While I commend the work of the department members, the real credit goes to the residents of Newbury. Without the partnership and teamwork among us, these results would never have been realized. The reason for this is that we all have ownership in our individual neighborhoods, our entire town and the individuals in it. It is what makes Newbury the place that it is and sets us apart from all the rest.

From all of us at the police department, we bid farewell to the past and hope you can greet each coming season knowing that whatever bumps in the road you may encounter, your police department is always there to lend a hand.

Bob Lee, Chief

Sergeant Henry Thomas

Corporal Bradley Wheeler

Officers: Aaron Sparks, Tom Harriman, E. Neill Cobb and E. Buddy Rowe

Administrative Assistant: Deborah Lacombe



The Newbury police department from left to right: Deb Lacombe (seated), Aaron Sparks, Brad Wheeler, Tom Harriman, Hank Thomas and Bob Lee.

Photo courtesy Donna Long

Newbury Police Department Calls For Service 2011	
Classification	Total
Death/Suicide/Unattended	1
Assault	5
Harassment	4
Criminal Threat	4
Criminal Trespass	3
Burglary	3
Theft	22
Fraud	2
Fraud - Bad Checks	2
Criminal Mischief	14
Drugs/Possession	2
Property Lost	6
Property Found	20
Property Return	2
Domestic Dispute	12
Liquor Law Violations	2
Disturbance	3
Weapons Permits	36
Shots Fired	5
Fireworks Permits	10
Fireworks Violations	10
Harassing Communication	3
Disorderly Conduct	1
DUI	7
Driving on Suspension/Revocation	1
Ride Along	1
VIN Inspection	8
Manner of Operation	1
Abandoned Vehicle	1
M/V Unlock	17
M/V Repossession	1
Road Hazard/Obstruction	18

Traffic Offense Warning	379
Traffic Offense Citation	43
Parking Violations	54
Criminal Citations	23
Reckless Driving	1
Motor Vehicle Check	40
MV/Traffic Complaint	27
Assist-Stranded Motorist	30
Gas Drive Off	1
Traffic Crash/Fatal	1
Traffic Crash/Personal Injury	3
Traffic Crash/Property Damage	37
Traffic Crash/Non Reportable	20
Littering-Illegal Dumping	1
OHRV Crash	1
OHRV Complaints	2
Animal-Complaints	16
Animal-Cruelty/Vicious	2
Animal-Stray	33
Animal-Nuisance	9
Animal -Bite	2
Animal-Livestock Complaint	7
Animal-Wild	13
Neighborhood Disputes	7
Noise Disturbance	8
Unwanted Subject	3
Assist-Fire/Police	41
Assist - In County Police/Out of State	38
Assist - Newbury Fire	40
Assist - Newbury Medical/Rescue	26
Assist - Public Works/EOC	8
Assist-Social Service Agencies	4
Assist-Court	1
Assist-Out of State Police	2
Alarm	11
Alarm - Business	21
Alarm - House	77
911 Hang-up	14

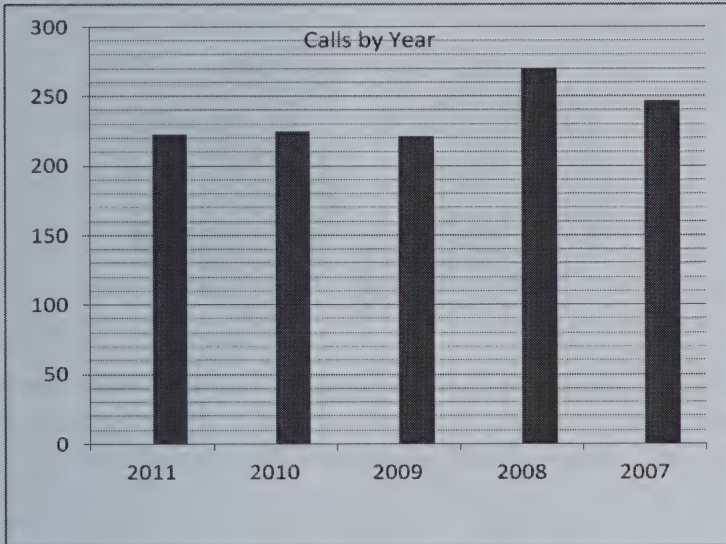
Missing Person	6
Juvenile Complaint/Run Away	5
Citizen Requested Assistance	43
Suspicious Person/VEH/Incident	47
Civil Issue/Stand by	23
Welfare Check	16
Open Door/Window/Gate	31
Paperwork Relay	1
Paperwork Service	41
Selective Enforcement / Military Records Check	9
Fingerprints/School, INS	19
Police Information	82
House Check Request	50
Building Check - Business	922
Building Check - Public	1,193
Building Check - Residential	90
Case Follow up	8
Warrant - Criminal	2
Sex Offender Registration	22
Protective Order	1
Protective Order (Violations)	1
Parole/probation Violations	1



Leisurely swim on an autumn day in Newbury.
Photo courtesy Maureen Rosen

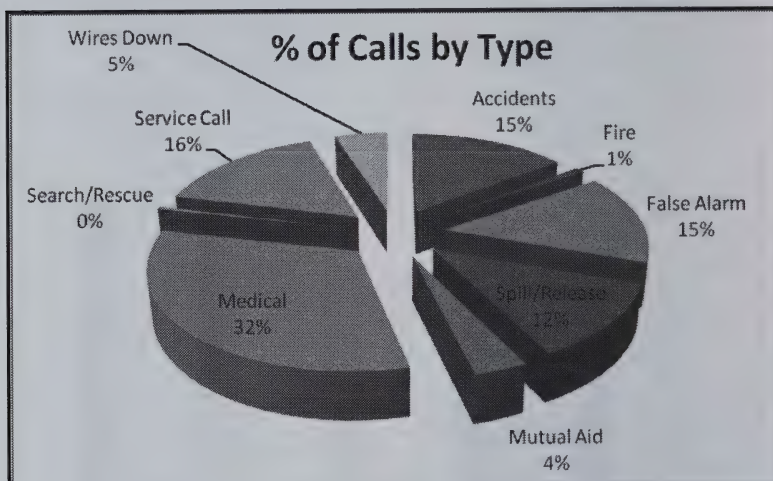
Fire Department

As in the past several years, 2011 was a very active year for the Newbury Fire and Rescue Department with a total of 223 calls for service during the year.



There were 72 medical calls which remains the highest percentage of emergency responses (32%). This is slightly below the 2010 total for this category. One of the reasons for this decline is a change in the tracking of lift assistance calls. Over the last several years, there has been an increasing number of calls for lifting assistance when an elderly person may have fallen and a caregiver is not able to lift the person back into their chair or bed. These calls had previously been counted in the medical category, but as no emergency medical service is provided, these calls are now counted as public service calls. Public service calls are the second largest percentage of calls, totalling 36 in 2011 (32%). Calls for other non-emergency assistance to residents are also included in this category. Motor vehicle accidents and false alarms are tied for the third largest category (15%) with 33 calls each. The fourth largest category (at 12%) totalled 27 calls for smoke, propane,

carbon monoxide gas or the release of other hazardous gasses or liquids.



Newbury Fire Department Calls for the Year

2011

2011 Call Totals by Category		
Category	Number	Percent
Medical	72	32%
Service Call	36	16%
Accidents	33	15%
False Alarm	33	15%
Spill/Release	27	12%
Wires Down	11	5%
Mutual Aid	8	4%
Fire	2	1%
Search/Rescue	1	0%
	223	100%

The Newbury Fire and Rescue Department has 29 paid on-call firefighters and emergency medical technicians (EMTs). The department is always interested in recruiting new people who have an interest in serving the town of Newbury as a firefighter or EMT. Emergency medical or firefighting experience is encouraged, but not required for membership in the department. Those interested can obtain an employment application at the safety services building on Tuesday evenings. Applications may also be downloaded from the Newbury Fire Rescue website www.newburyfd.org.

As shown above, residential and commercial false alarms are the reason for 15% of the calls. In 2011, the estimated payroll cost to the town of Newbury for firefighters responding to false alarms was over \$5,000. This does not take into consideration the cost of fuel for the responding apparatus. This percentage and expense to the town of Newbury can be cut down if the alarm company is called when an alarm is accidentally set off. Alarm companies should have alarm codes ready and call after an alarm. The alarm company does not always call to see if it is a false alarm. The operator who answers will not cancel a response without a correct alarm code. If you have guests or tenants using your home, make sure they have an alarm code and that they know how to call the alarm company and give the operator the code. Also remember that all central station fire alarms must be permitted by the Newbury police and fire departments. Alarms received from unpermitted fire alarms, as well as multiple false alarms from a permitted alarm system may result in a fine for the property owner. Details on the alarm ordinance are available on the fire department website. Permit applications can be downloaded from the website and are available at the Newbury police department, during normal business hours.

Vehicle accidents, which were also 15% of the calls, pose a much greater safety hazard to the responders than most of the other types of responses. During 2011, the department responded to several serious motor vehicle collisions. Please keep the safety of our firefighters, EMT's and police in mind

when approaching an emergency scene. Slow down and follow the instructions of the personnel who are directing traffic. These accidents sometimes also result in downed power lines that can still be energized so motorists should stay away from the power lines when directed to do so by the fire department.

During 2011, the Newbury Fire and Rescue Department put into service their new foam pumper, Engine 4. The Ford F-550 4-wheel drive replaced the 1978 pumper and became the first truck responding to all fire and accident calls. The size of the truck and its 4-wheel drive capability make this engine much more effective responding during winter weather to the hilly sections of Newbury.



New foam pumper.

Photo courtesy Wayne Whitford

At the end of December, a new Holmatro Cutter was purchased. This rescue cutter is designed to cut the stronger steel that is used in vehicles today, enabling firefighters to rescue vehicle crash victims from wrecked cars more quickly. Auto extraction training with the new cutter and other rescue equipment is part of the department's ongoing training program.

A new base station radio system was installed at the fire station that will comply with the new FCC emergency service radio

frequency changes that become effective in 2013. The new radio enhances the department's capabilities for communication between the station and the dispatch center.



*Smokey pays us a visit
on Old Home Day.*

Photo courtesy Tom Nowell

Another piece of equipment purchased during 2011 is a remote control master stream nozzle for the fireboat. The old equipment required a firefighter to sit on the front of the fireboat operating the nozzle during firefighting operations. The new equipment will allow the operation of the master stream shooting water onto the fire from inside the cabin of the boat, where he or she is protected from falling overboard and/or blocking the view of the pilot.

Department members remain busy with weekly commitments including: fire prevention training, public safety and inspection training, community events, committees and meetings. Some of the tasks completed by the fire department in 2011 include:

- Monthly in-house firefighting, rescue and medical training for all department members. During the year, joint training sessions were held with the Bradford fire department and the NH Disaster Behavioral Health Response Team. Department members also attended the annual EMT conference, and classes at the New Hampshire Fire Academy, New London Hospital and other training programs.
- Participation by department members in the September 11th tenth anniversary remembrance service held at the Center Meeting House. The services were dedicated to the memory of firefighters, EMTs, police and others who died on September 11, 2001.

- Involvement in the planning, permitting and public safety of an outdoor concert at Mount Sunapee Resort that attracted 3,000 attendees.
- Participation in Old Home Day, fireworks, the children's Christmas party and holiday parades.
- Work with NH 911 to establish street numbers for Mt. Sunapee Resort buildings, the one remaining section of Newbury that was not completely in the 911 emergency phone system database.
- Assumed responsibility for the management of the fire extinguisher service program in all town departments. The consolidation of the annual extinguisher servicing for all departments with one vendor, resulted in a substantial cost savings to the town.
- The Knox Box program that provides access for firefighters to buildings in an emergency increased substantially during 2011. Under the program, a home or business owner can purchase a Knox Box secure key box that only the fire department can access. This system prevents the damage that might be caused in breaking a window or breaking down a door when a fire alarm is received from the location when no one is home. Information on the Knox Box program can be found on the fire department website www.newburyfd.org or from www.knoxbox.com.
- Attendance by department members at meetings and trainings of the Newbury Safety Committee and other town boards and committees including Kearsarge Mutual Aid District, Greater Sullivan County Health Region, Midwestern NH Hazardous Materials Response District, C5 Emergency Medical Services District, NH Municipal Association, NH Fire Chief's Association, NH Homeland Security and Emergency

Management, and NH Fire Standards and Training and Emergency Medical Services.

Town Center Buildings Committee (TCBC)

Several members of the Newbury fire department served on the TCBC which met bi-weekly for nine months during 2011. The committee was formed by the selectmen to study the long-term future building needs of the police and fire departments and make recommendations to the selectmen. The committee held a public hearing in November and concluded their work early in 2012.



Newbury fire boat.

Photo courtesy Tom Nowell

Regional Ambulance Committee

There was an Ambulance Committee formed in the fall of 2010 to look at alternate coverage in a seven-town area, including part of Newbury when New London Hospital no longer provides the coverage in 2012. The

committee had a number of meetings and decided to hire a consulting company, Municipal Resources, to assist. During the study, New London Hospital agreed to continue the service if the financial structure was changed to reduce their reported operating loss.

Municipal Resources completed the study and reported the current EMS delivery system is actually good. Patient care is excellent, and response times are reasonable. Although some community leaders believe the costs are high, the reality is that the delivery costs are quite reasonable considering the level of service and quality of service that is provided. With some modifications of staffing patterns, Municipal Resources recommended that the hospital-based ambulance transport system should continue.

Municipal Resources reported that the best model for the seven towns is some form of the current hospital-based system. What is missing is a structured agreement that documents the relationship and clarifies roles, responsibilities, and expectations, and provides for a degree of community control over the cost/quality equation.

Henry E. Thomas, Jr., Fire Chief

Department Officers

Fire Chief: Henry E. Thomas, Jr.

Assistant Chief : David Smith

Captain: Kenneth Burnell

Lieutenants: Michael Bascom

Charles Palmer

Devon Palmer

Larry Nelson

Admin./Fire Prevention: Wayne Whitford

Standing Committee: Mike Croteau

Mike Menino



The Newbury fire department from left to right: Captain Ken Burnell, Mike Croteau, Fred Von Recklinghausen, Ken Holmes, Mike Menino, Assistant Chief Dave Smith, Chief Hank Thomas, Wayne Whitford, Steve Snyder, Chris Palmer and Bruce Edwards

Photo courtesy Bob Lee

Forest Fire Warden

2011 was another very rainy year. We exceeded the average rainfall by over 12 inches. This, combined with the fact that people were cautious while burning, resulted in a season with no major incidents to report. The deputy wardens do a great job monitoring the fire danger and will only issue brush permits during low fire danger times. Many thanks go out to the deputy wardens for handling so many requests and making themselves available to write permits.



Having fun at Old Home Day.

Photo courtesy Tom Nowell

wait until conditions are ideal to obtain a brush permit.

This was the first year that we actually issued more campfire permits than brush permits. A campfire permit can be issued for the season and allows you to burn small amounts of debris and brush more often. This saves having to pile up large brush piles and then

Since this winter has had very little snow, my recommendation would be to burn your debris as soon as possible while there is snow coverage. There could be a long period in which permits will not be available due to the lack of snow coverage and having to wait until the trees green up this spring.

Please be sure to be careful with ashes when heating your home with wood. Be sure to dispose of ashes in metal containers and dispose of them safely.

Be fire-safe and please call 938-5925 with any questions.

Dave Smith, Warden

State Forest Ranger

Your local forest fire warden, fire department, and the state of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wild-land fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local forest fire warden or fire department to determine if a permit is required before doing any outside burning. Under state law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact their local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdfi.org.

This past fire season witnessed the smallest number of fires as well as the number of acres burned since records have been kept. Extensive rainfall, virtually all season long, kept the fire danger down. When fires did start, they were kept very small. The largest fire for the season was only 5.4 acres which occurred in Littleton on May 2, 2011. There was, however, a small window of high fire danger in the northern third of the state during July when little rainfall was recorded. During this time, there were a number of fires started by lightening which is fairly unusual in New Hampshire. As in past years, state budget constraints have limited the staffing of our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers to Class III or higher fire danger days. Despite the reduction in the number of days staffed, our fire lookouts are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers' fire spotting was supplemented by contracted aircraft and the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wild-land urban interface,

which is the area where homes and flammable wild-land fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2011 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees.

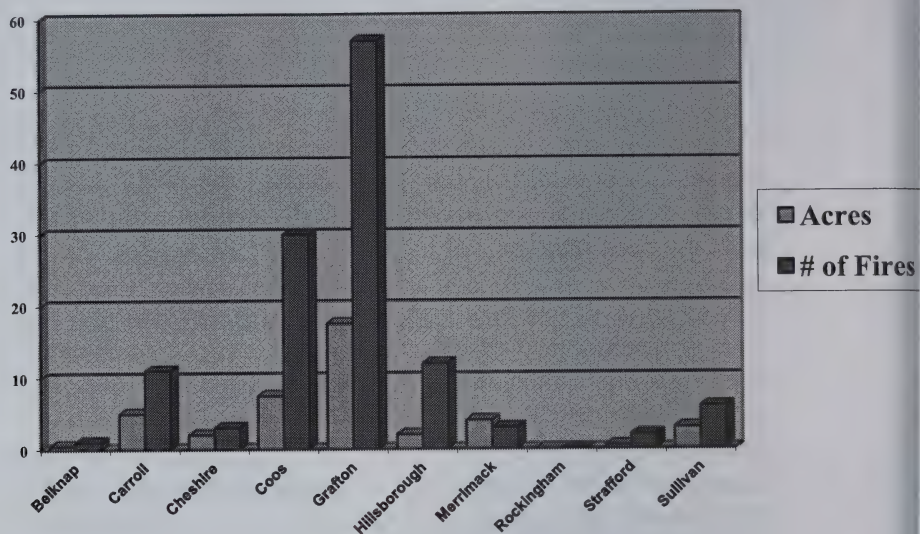
Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wild-land fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire-wise and fire-safe.

2011 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 2011)

(figures do not include fires under the jurisdiction of the White Mountain National Forest)

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	.5	1
Carroll	5	11
Cheshire	2	3
Coos	7.5	30
Grafton	17.5	57
Hillsborough	2	1
Merrimack	4	3
Rockingham	0	0
Strafford	.5	2
Sullivan	3	6



CAUSES OF FIRES

Arson	7
Debris	63
Campfire	10
Children	2
Smoking	9
Railroad	1
Equipment	1
Lightning	3
Misc.*	29

(*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

	Total Fires	Total Acres
2011	125	42
2010	360	145
2009	334	173
2008	455	175
2007	437	212

Only you can prevent wild-land fire

Code Enforcement

2011 was about the same as 2010 for the building trades. A total of 82 building permits were issued in 2011, down from 98 building permits issued in 2010. As in the past years, permits were for a variety of projects:

14 house dwellings	10 sheds
19 garages	7 electrical permits
0 barns	2 demolition
2 commercial alterations	1 plumbing/gas
15 porches	2 boat house repairs
27 decks	0 windmills

The following are some additional tips to keep in mind when planning your projects:

- Permits are required for all sheds, whether permanently affixed to the ground or not.
- Sheds that are on blocks or skids and are 120 square feet or less are issued permits at no charge.
- Permits are required any time a structural change is made to the existing structure, such as enlarging a window opening, moving a door or relocating an interior wall.
- Permits are required for any change to the original plumbing or electric system. However, you do not need a permit if you are simply changing a plumbing fixture or a light switch.
- New heating systems, replacement heating systems, all central fire and burglar systems need permits – otherwise a fine will be issued. Permits can be obtained from the fire department and are also available at the town office. If you have any questions as to whether a permit is required for your project, please call 763-4940 ext. 203 or email paul@newburynh.org.

I continue to find the residents and builders in Newbury a pleasure to work with.



Paul LaCasse, Code Enforcement Officer

Emergency Management

This year, work continued with the update on Newbury's hazard mitigation plan. This master plan identifies sections of the town that may be susceptible to damage from floods, storms, fires and other natural and manmade disasters. The plan, which identifies ways the town can reduce damage to town and residential property and establishes timeframes for completing these hazard mitigation projects. The state of New Hampshire requires that the plan be updated every five years. Completing the plan makes the town eligible for state and federal hazard mitigation grants that would cover the cost of the projects.

Even though tropical storm Irene did not affect Newbury as significantly as other parts of New Hampshire and neighboring Vermont, the August storm did cause widespread power outages and damage to town roads. Newbury Emergency Management activated the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) during the storm and coordinated the response of the fire and highway departments to address calls throughout the town. The EOC was in continuous contact with the state Emergency Management & Homeland Security Emergency Operations Center in Concord by the WEB EOC internet program which provides status updates and coordinates the



Damage from tropical storm Irene.

Photo courtesy Wayne Whitford

movement of disaster resources. Several town roads had to be closed because of flood damage, two of which remained closed for several days after the storm.

Additionally, Newbury Emergency Management upgraded its emergency communications capability with the purchase of additional portable radio equipment. These new portable radios will enable town employees and volunteers to communicate with the fire department and the town office when working on the response and cleanup following storms.

During the year, town officials attended a number of meetings and emergency preparedness training sessions put on by the state of New Hampshire Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

The town of Newbury also participated in a statewide evacuation shelter study conducted by the American Red Cross for the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. This study, which identified buildings in Newbury that could be used for sheltering in an emergency, was done to establish a statewide database of local shelters.



Wayne Whitford, Emergency Management Director



Construction being done to the upgrade of Sutton Road bridge.

Photo courtesy Donna Long

Joint Loss Management Committee

During 2011, Newbury's Joint Loss Management Safety Committee became re-energized with new members including: Chair Wayne Whitford, fire department; Debra Prussman, finance department; Hank Thomas, fire department; Debi Lacombe, police department; Cal Prussman and Tate Sweetbrown, highway department; Steve Palermo, transfer station; Rosina Johnson, library; Travis Dezotell, recreation; and Kris McAllister, assessor's office.

The committee meets every other month at various town departments. An agenda item for each meeting is a tour of the building where the meeting is held for the purpose of identifying any potential safety hazards that might be present. Another agenda item is to review any employee accidents that have occurred. Fortunately, the town's safety record is good and no accident discussions have been needed.

Newbury's Employee Safety Plan was updated to meet the new requirements of the state of New Hampshire Department of Labor. The town's plan that was originally written in the 1990's was twelve pages and has been rewritten to almost 100 pages to meet the current state requirements. The updated plan was approved by the board of selectmen and distributed to all departments in the summer of 2011.

One of the important accomplishments for the committee was the offering of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) training to town employees. The need for training was discussed at several of the committee meetings and a certification class was held in November.

The committee also worked with the fire department updating first aid kits in town buildings and streamlining the fire extinguisher database. The committee continues to work on getting additional AEDs for town departments.

The Local Government Center (LGC), the town's insurer, assisted the town setting up the Joint Loss Management Committee and the update of the safety plan. They also conducted an ergonomics evaluation of the town's work stations and work areas and made recommendations for improvements.

Wayne Whitford, Chair



A winter scene in Newbury.

Photo courtesy Maureen Rosen

Highway Department

From November 8, 2010 through March 22, 2011, we had 58 events which required the highway department to plow and/or sand the roads.

The new pickup truck arrived in June, was outfitted, and immediately put into service.

Paving was done on 1,340 feet of Shore Drive, 1,614 feet of Pinecliff Road, and 975 feet of Cloverfield Road. We shimmed 2,390 feet of Rollins Road and added 1,200 feet of underdrain. Shimming and overlay was done on 1,100 feet of Pine Street, 916 feet of Washington Street, 935 feet of Lake Avenue, and 200 feet of Post Office Street.

Along with our usual duties of snow removal, grading, culvert replacement, ditching, sweeping, mowing, etc., we constructed



Tate Sweetbrown working Rollins Road.

Photo courtesy Cal Prussman

a concrete pad for the metal container and one for the cardboard trailer at the transfer station. Along with the help of Stone Face Construction, we enlarged the area behind the town office to accommodate more people during Old Home Day.

Through hazard mitigation grants with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), we replaced two 4-foot culverts with two 6-foot culverts, thus eliminating two narrow areas on Cheney Road. The culvert project was put out to bid and the work was done by RHM Construction in Bradford. Work was also done to the first 4,200 feet of Province Road including ditching, reshaping of roadway, laying road stabilization fabric, and laying out almost 3,200 tons of hard-pack.

Tropical storm Irene arrived on August 28, 2011. This storm brought flood rains and wind in a very short amount of time causing significant damage in several areas of town. Repairing the damage caused by this event took 616 man hours, almost 2,000 cubic yards of gravel and 150 tons of hot mix.

Winter sand is still available at the old highway shed on Sutton Road for all town residents.

As always, my sincere thanks go to the residents of Newbury for all their support, and to the highway department staff for their continued hard work. Additional thanks goes to the board of selectmen, town office staff and all other town personnel who assisted us throughout the year.

Cal Prussman, Highway Administrator



The highway department keeping the roads of Newbury safe. Shown from left to right: Brian Wright, Cal Prussman, Joe Branch, Tate Sweetbrown, Howard Eaton and Peter Titus.

Photo courtesy Donna Long

Blodgett Wastewater Treatment Facility

The Blodgett Landing wastewater treatment facility upgrade is almost complete. The last phase of the upgrade is the Blodgett Landing pump station. Starting in February 2012, there will be new wiring installed and the pump controls will be moved to the top to eliminate any space confinement issues.

The plant is running very well this year. The nitrate readings are averaging between 3 mg/l and 5 mg/l, which are well below the state limits of 10 mg/l limit.

The call-outs have been down by 95 percent at the new Croft Beach pump station.

Sludge removal will take place this year.

Plans also include having 300 feet of sewer lines flushed clean and television inspections done.

Thank you to Mary Thayer for all of her help this past year.

Also, please remember to not put grease down your drains. There has been an increase in grease found in the wastewater treatment facility this past year.

Thank you and happy New Year.



Tim Mulder, Chief Operator



The roaming railroad is always a popular attraction at Old Home Day.

Photo courtesy Meg Whittemore

Health Officer

Although the threats of the H1N1 influenza pandemic have subsided, there have been several other public health issues that continue to be addressed. The health officer's webpage can be found on Newbury's website, www.newburynh.org and it is a great resource of public health information. The health officer information was also displayed at the 2011 Old Home Day celebration.

This year I continued to serve as a member of the board of directors of the New Hampshire Health Officer's Association. The association is following a proposed public health legislation introduction that is designed to affect the cities and towns of New Hampshire. The board has also been working with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services and Department of Health and Human Services on this issue. The association is working to minimize the burden to the towns and part-time health officers that may be required to take over public health and environmental health programs formerly administered by the state of New Hampshire.

In 2011, Newbury hosted a simulated exercise of the health network's medication point-of-distribution plan at Mount Sunapee Resort. Responders from Newbury and other towns in the region successfully simulated setting up the distribution facility for a public health emergency. Newbury also participated in an exercise of the Network's Multi-Agency Coordinating Entity (MACE) held in Newport.

The state of New Hampshire Department of Health & Human Services has provided a transportable radio communication system to each health network. This radio will enable the regional coordinating committee to communicate during a health emergency with points of distribution, hospitals, and care center. This radio system will be based in Newbury and can be utilized by town officials when it is not needed for a public health emergency.

Wayne Whitford, Health Officer

Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association

On behalf of all the staff and trustees of Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice (LSRVNA), thank you for continuing to provide us opportunities to provide home health and hospice services, long-term care and community health services to all Newbury residents.

Our mission remains unchanged and centers on providing these services to support the dignity and independence of everyone in your community. As in previous years, the LSRVNA board of directors has pledged that, within its financial resources, the agency will continue to provide Newbury residents with all its services, except for long-term private duty care, regardless of insurance coverage or any patient's ability to pay for care.



*Members of the 6th grade band at
Kearsarge Regional Middle School.*

Photo courtesy Donna Long

I am proud to report that, in 2011, LSRVNA employees:

- Provided over 1,406 hours of nursing, therapy and in-home long-term supportive care to 64 residents.
- Provided approximately 1,291 in-home nursing, therapy and social work visits to these residents. Of that total, 223 of these visits were provided without any remuneration to

LSRVNA. Additionally, 25 visits were provided under the New Hampshire Medicaid program. The New Hampshire Medicaid program reimburses LSRVNA at roughly 60% of the agency's visit cost.

- Provided five residents with 300 visits through our hospice program and, thanks in part to our support, they were able to spend their last days at home. Their families and loved ones were provided bereavement support and counseling at no cost.
- Provided 159 Newbury residents with foot care, flu and blood pressure clinics as well as parent/child, bereavement and other support groups provided by LSRVNA.



View of Baker Hill Golf Club.

Photo courtesy Wayne Whitford

One of the reasons this is such a special place to live is because of the sense of community and the commitment of local residents to support each other. LSRVNA is totally committed to fostering not only individual health and well-being, but also to fostering community support which enables people to help their friends and neighbors. Please do not hesitate to call us at 526-4077 if there is any way that we may be of service to you, your friends or loved ones, or if you have an idea how we can help foster the overall health and well-being of the Newbury community.

Scott Fabry, RN, President & CEO

New London Hospital

2011 was a volatile year for healthcare in general and hospitals in particular. New London Hospital (NLH) faced many of the same challenges facing all hospitals across the state: decreased reimbursement, increasing volumes of uninsured patients and the effects of legislative action that threaten the financial security of small and large healthcare institutions.

Despite the demands brought by the economy, New London Hospital continues its proud service to our families and friends in the towns of Andover, Bradford, Croyden, Danbury, Elkins, Goshen, Grantham, Lempster, New London, Newbury, Newport, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton, Washington, and Wilmot. Our commitment remains the same – to provide the highest quality healthcare to all the communities we serve.

We are pleased to share these notable achievements of our recent fiscal year, which ended on September 30, 2011:

- Several new providers joined the NLH team: James Murphy, MD, Orthopedics; Michael Madan, MD, Hospitalist, Emergency Department & Primary Care; Arlene Halsted, APRN, Family Medicine; and Mary Scott, APRN, Internal Medicine.

- Implementation continued on the many components of our Healthcare Information System, which includes the use of electronic medical records and several patient safety programs such as Medication Administration.

- A Memorandum of Understanding was signed with Dartmouth-Hitchcock and four work teams began to explore the model for a closer affiliation.

- Medical services expanded to include mental health and services and surgery in urology & gynecology.

- A new state-of-the-art GE Bright Speed CT Scan was installed, which produces higher quality images using 40% less radiation than earlier models. Results are also available sooner.

- The volume of patients for our clinical services increased in FY 2011. Outpatient visits to our providers grew by 8%, or 4,000 new visits.

- The patient care quality scores we report quarterly to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid continue to demonstrate the high quality of our patient care. (To see NLH scores and other hospitals information go to www.hospitalcompare.hhs.gov) Quality improvement projects continue throughout the organization related to patient safety, improved processes and communication.

- Stephen Jordan, MD received the 2011 Physician of the Year Award by the NH Hospital Association.

- Lori Richer, MD assumed the leadership of the Physician Practices Quality working on diabetes management and pediatric care.

- NLH completed the following successful surveys by external accrediting organizations: the College of American Pathologists commended our lab; the Clough Center achieved a successful annual survey by the State; the NH Board of Pharmacy surveyed our inpatient pharmacy department; the FDA surveyed our Mammography equipment and services; and we achieved ultrasound re-accreditation.

- A new Clough Center handicap van was purchased this spring thanks to the generosity of the community. Residents used the van to attend performances and outings throughout the summer and early fall.

- We held our 9th annual regional Emergency Services Education Conference at Mount Sunapee Resort, attracting over 400 participants.

- As part of the NLH Wellness Program, we celebrated our first full year as a Tobacco-Free Campus and offered a variety of opportunities for staff to participate in healthy activity choices and classes.

- The 6th annual Grand Gala, 8th annual Golf Tournament and 87th annual Hospital Days (combined with generous community support) contributed to a very successful Annual Fund. Many thanks to the more than 1,200 families, individuals, businesses and foundations that supported NLH with philanthropic gifts this year.

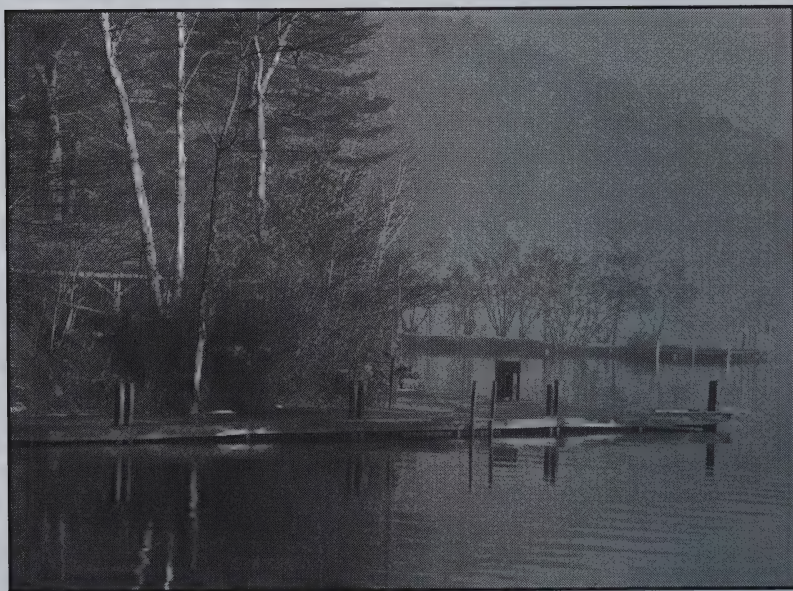
- Volunteer service to the hospital totaled more than 11,900 hours, with a value of over \$254,243. The Friends of New London Hospital also contributed countless hours supporting a variety of community-based programs. We deeply appreciate gifts of time and talent that our volunteers provide each day.

- We continued to study the options for the expansion and renovation of the Newport Health Center as part of our strong ongoing commitment to the Newport community.

- We continue to work with the seven towns served by New London Hospital Ambulance to transition the ambulance service to a different operating model.

New London Hospital deeply appreciates the support of the community and the trust you place in us for your care.

Bruce P. King, President & CEO



A foggy autumn day at the Harbor.

Photo courtesy Maureen Rosen

Community Action Program (CAP)
Kearsarge Valley Area Center
Services Provided to Newbury Residents in 2011

Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) is a nutrition program that offers participants free nutritious foods to supplement their daily diet. The program serves children under age six and women during pregnancy and up to 12 months after the birth. An individual may not be enrolled in both Women, Infants and Children (WIC) and CSFP, but a family may have members in both programs.

Congregate Meals welcomes all elders to our congregate meal sites/senior centers for nutritious hot meals, social/recreational activities and special events. Value: \$6.89 per meal.

Meals-On-Wheels provides the delivery of nutritionally balanced hot meals to homebound elderly or adult residents five days per week. Value: \$7.02 per meal.

Emergency Food Pantries provide up to five days of food for people facing temporary food crisis. Value: \$5.00 per meal.

Fuel Assistance is available to income-eligible households to help with energy costs during the prime heating season. Priority is given to the elderly and disabled. The average benefit for the 2010-11 program was \$759.00.

Electric Assistance program is a statewide program funded by all electric rate payers which provides a specific tier of discount from 7% to 70% on electric bills for eligible households.

The Fix It Program mobilizes volunteers, especially those skilled in occupations such as plumbing and electrical work, to assist clients with small household repairs.

Weatherization improves the energy efficiency of income-eligible households. Supplemental program also includes

furnace replacement, water heater replacement and roof repair. Value includes average material and labor.

Head Start is a child development program serving children before they enter public school. Classroom and in-home learning services are provided for both children and their families. Value: \$8,000 per child.

Neighbor Helping Neighbor provides emergency energy assistance up to \$300 for those not eligible for fuel assistance.

Information and Referral provides utility, landlord/tenant, legal and health counseling as well as referrals for housing, transportation and other life concerns. These support/advocacy services are not tracked.

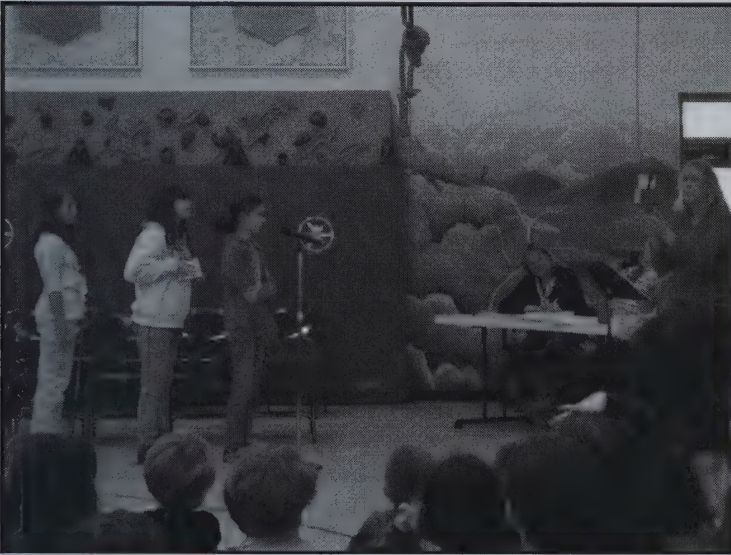
Service Description	Units of Service	Households/ Persons	Value
Commodity Supplemental Food Program		Not Available	
Congregate Meals	Meals - 417	Persons - 25	\$2,873.13
Meals-On-Wheels	Meals -1,101	Persons - 3	\$7,729.02
Emergency Food Pantries	Meals - 0	Persons - 0	\$0
Fuel Assistance	Applications -59	Persons - 143	\$46,725.00
Electric Assistance		Households -29	\$22,792.06
The Fix It Program	Households - 1	Jobs-4	\$0
Weatherization	Homes - 5	Persons - 13	\$28,532.33
Head Start	Children - 1		\$8,000.00
Neighbor Helping Neighbor	Grants - 1		\$300.00
Total			\$116,951.54

Laura Hall, Area Director

Family Services

Family services was busy this year. Fourteen families requested help and met the Newbury welfare guidelines to receive aid. Every family had their own individual need and problems, but all had one thing in common – each family greatly appreciated the help they received when they so badly needed it.

This was the third year for the Woodchuck Day. Volunteers met at Fishersfield last fall to cut and split wood. Again, Dennis Pavlicek, town administrator, provided all the volunteers with a delicious breakfast. New Hampshire winters are cold, as we all know. However, thanks to this program, aid will be available to help reduce heating costs of those with a need. A special thank-you goes out to all who helped.



*Students watch the remaining finalists of the spelling bee
at the Kearsarge Elementary School.*

Photo courtesy Cathy Mayne

This year the clothing drive in November was limited to outerwear clothes and shoes. As usual, the residents of Newbury outdid themselves. Twenty families benefited from

this drive and all received at least two winter coats for their families as well as many other warm items.

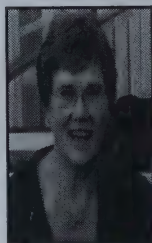
The giving tree in the Newbury town office had 40 snowflakes. Each snowflake represented a wish of a child. Each wish was met again this year by the caring residents of Newbury. These gifts were distributed at the same time as the Christmas baskets. A special thank-you to the South Newbury Union Church for holding the annual breakfast with Santa. The proceeds of this event benefited the town's giving tree.

A special thank-you also goes out to the Mount Sunapee Resort. The spring "Care and Share Day" at Mount Sunapee was a huge help in keeping the food pantry stocked. Even though there was not much snow in December, the resort collected and donated canned and packaged goods on their winter "Care and Share Day". These donations helped stock a near-empty food pantry.

The overall response to the food pantry by the residents of Newbury was good this year. Additional thanks goes to the Lake Sunapee Bank in Newbury for helping collect this food.

Again, this year, I am amazed and moved by the number of phone calls that I have received from individuals, families, organizations and committees interested in volunteering and donating time, money, food holiday baskets and holiday presents for those in Newbury with a need.

As we continue to find ourselves in a stressful time with an uncertain economy, I find many families frightened and worried. You can be sure that the efforts and generosity of the residents of Newbury are reassuring and greatly appreciated.



Gail Bostic, Family Services Director

Kearsarge Area Council on Aging

The motto for Council on Aging (COA) in fulfilling its basic mission is "People Helping People."

COA provides multiple ongoing opportunities for area seniors to get out and participate in activities and programs which keep their minds and bodies in action and improve the quality of their lives. COA Chapin Senior Center operates on a \$150,000 budget each year. COA relies on private donations from members and businesses for 70% of its operating funds. The remaining 30% comes from the nine towns it serves.

COA's ability to keep its budget very low is due to its large workforce of volunteers. Currently, COA has 200 active volunteers who run all of the programs offered, act as receptionists, data-entry clerks, drivers, instructors, etc. Because of our excellent volunteers, we are able to offer so many programs and services at cost to participants. Ongoing costs include administrative and building-related expenses.

In 2011, COA volunteers drove members from the nine-town area a total of 35,000 miles. COA's transportation program provides door-to-door service to people who are unable to drive. There is no charge or reimbursement for this service. COA maintains ongoing separate listings of rides - those people who require treatment at the VA Hospital, White River Junction, Concord and Dartmouth Hitchcock Hospitals. Oncology patients can often receive treatments only at hospitals other than the New London Hospital, sometimes requiring transportation on a daily basis.

COA has a thriving senior center with over 54 programs. The center is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We invite you to come for exercises, Medicare questions, attend an enriching educational program, or just have coffee with friends. A full library and video library awaits as well as a multitude of volunteer opportunities and a community of people who care about each other.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
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TO: All District Two Cities and Towns
FROM: Executive Councilor Daniel St. Hilaire

As the year 2012 unfolds before us, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the support, concerns, comments and feedback you have given me in 2011. This public input is an important contribution to successfully run our state government.

Throughout the past year, I have issued a report that chronicles the Governor and Executive Council meetings. Included in the report are the agenda items we voted on with the items pertinent to District Two, our Executive Council District, highlighted. This past calendar year, the Executive Council approved 2,632 items/contracts totaling \$1,540,138,079.06. In addition to the contracts listed above, the Executive Council voted to authorize the Governor's Warrant and Expenditures requests (State operating expenses) in the accumulated amount of \$5,670,115,959. My legal background and experience has proven to be a significant asset when giving each and every item careful consideration before casting my vote. It has been my pleasure to provide these reports to you to keep you informed of the decisions that are being made by your elected officials on your behalf. The Reports can also be viewed at: www.nh.gov/council/district2/reports

Also this past calendar year, the Council appointed a total of 344 persons to serve on various Boards and Commissions for the State of New Hampshire, of which 28% were from District Two.

If you have interest in serving on any of the 300+ State Boards or Commissions please send a letter of interest along with a resume, to Jennifer Kuzma in care of the Governor's office as well as copy to me at the Executive Council office. The Executive Council welcomes public input on nominations that are brought forward by the Governor for consideration and confirmation. Please contact me with any concerns or to support individuals or projects coming before the Council.

I look forward to continuing my service to Executive Council District Two.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. St. Hilaire", written over a horizontal line.

Daniel St. Hilaire
Executive Councilor

**Town Warrant
State of New Hampshire - 2012**

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 1:00 p.m. TO 7:00 p.m.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Newbury in the County of Merrimack in said state qualified to vote in the town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Office Building in said Newbury on Tuesday, the thirteenth (13) day of March, next at one of the clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.
2. To vote on amendments to the existing zoning ordinance.

The ballot for the amendments to the Newbury Zoning Ordinance proposed by the Newbury Planning Board is outlined below.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Newbury Zoning Ordinance?

PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 1:

The *Planning Board's Amendment No. 1* proposes to amend **ARTICLE 2.58 Road Frontage** to clarify the definition of road frontage.

YES ___ NO ___

RATIONALE:

The primary purpose of this amendment is to add clarity to the Ordinance by amending the definition of road frontage.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Newbury Zoning Ordinance?

PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 2:

The *Planning Board's Amendment No. 2* proposes to amend **ARTICLE 4.5 Frontage Requirement (Business District)** and **Article 5.8 Frontage Requirement (Residential District)** to clarify frontage requirements in the Business and Residential Districts.

YES ☐ NO ☐

RATIONALE:

The purpose of this amendment is to add clarity to the Ordinance by providing a more thorough explanation of frontage requirements.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Newbury Zoning Ordinance?

PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 3:

The *Planning Board's Amendment No. 3* proposes to amend **ARTICLE II Definitions** to add a definition for a bed and breakfast.

YES ☐ NO ☐

RATIONALE:

The purpose of this amendment is to add clarity to the Ordinance by defining a bed and breakfast.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Newbury Zoning Ordinance?

PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 4:

The *Planning Board's Amendment No. 4* proposes to amend **ARTICLE 4.10 Accessory Apartments (Business District)** and **ARTICLE 5.7 Accessory Apartments (Residential District)** to specify that per-diem rentals of accessory apartments are not permitted.

YES ___ NO ___

RATIONALE:

The purpose of this amendment is to add clarity to the Ordinance regarding the rental of Accessory Apartments.

The Town shall recess the business portion of the meeting until Wednesday, March 14, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at the Mount Sunapee Spruce Lodge --second floor -- off Route 103 in Newbury.

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,446,614 for general operations:

ANNUAL BUDGET	2011	2012
1. Executive	\$187,371	\$191,715
2. Elections	4,381	7,837
3. Financial Administration	458,214	467,329
4. Legal Expenses	23,000	23,000
5. Personnel Administration	4,150	4,300
6. Planning	50,497	51,115
7. Zoning	15,252	15,659
8. General Government Bldg.	53,725	54,172
9. Cemeteries	25,250	25,600

10. Insurance	62,185	64,040
11. Other General Gvt.	13,300	13,100
12. Police Department	474,399	478,901
13. Fire Department	168,120	169,719
14. Forest Fire	1,048	1,051
15. Code Enforcement	30,020	30,043
16. Emergency Management	4,263	4,782
17. Highway Maintenance	569,833	608,628
18. Highway Reconstruction	195,000	195,000
19. Street Lighting	14,500	16,465
20. Transfer Station	293,569	301,618
21. Health Agencies	33,985	30,127
22. Welfare	22,769	22,769
23. Information Booth	6,339	6,464
24. Parks & Recreation	83,737	85,073
25. Library	98,308	100,722
26. Conservation Commission	1,970	2,004
27. Historical Society	1,000	1,000
28. Tax Anticipation Notes	100	100
29. Sewer Department	158,700	257,818
30. Bond/Note Principal	165,000	165,000
31. Bond/Note Interest	32,500	24,250
32. Safety Communication Svs.	28,358	27,213
33. Capital Outlay	0	0

TOTAL	\$3,280,843	\$3,446,614
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4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$155,000 to be placed in the following capital reserve funds: (Recommended by the Selectmen)

FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$ 60,000
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT	\$ 82,000
AMBULANCE	\$ 3,000
RECREATION FACILITIES	\$ 10,000

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 to be placed in the following existing RSA

31:19-a maintenance expendable trust funds previously established: (Recommended by the Selectmen)

DOCKS	\$12,000
TOWN OFFICE EQUIPMENT	\$ 6,000
TOWN BUILDINGS	\$ 7,000
MILFOIL CONTROL	\$ 5,000
FD PERSONAL PROTECTION	\$10,000

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125,000 to complete the renovation of the Veterans Hall.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 to erect a Veterans Memorial.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$164,523 for the purchase of a new 6-wheel dump truck, including plow and wing and to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$164,523 from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

(Recommended by the Selectmen)

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,250 for the renovation and expansion of the Newbury Harbor dock and to authorize the withdrawal of \$50,000 from the docks expendable trust fund. The Balance to come from general taxation. (Recommended by the Selectmen)

10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,200 to be placed in the Cemetery Maintenance Trust Fund and authorize the transfer of \$1,200 from the December 31, 2011 undesignated fund balance for this purpose. Said sum represents the sale of cemetery lots in the prior fiscal year.

(Recommended by the Selectmen)

11. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Newbury Board of Selectmen

_____	Jim Powell, Chair
_____	Richard Wright
_____	Gary Budd

February 24, 2012 _____ Date Posted

**Budget For and Comparative Statement of Expenditures for
The Town of Newbury, NH
Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year
January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012**

Purpose of Appropriation	Appropriations Prior Fiscal Year	Actual Expenditures Prior Fiscal Year	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year
RSA 32:3v			
General Government			
Executive	187,371	189,870	191,715
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	4,381	3,010	7,837
Financial Administration	458,214	458,444	467,329
Legal Expenses	23,000	36,540	23,000
Personnel Administration	4,150	5,000	4,300
Planning	50,497	46,097	51,115
Zoning	15,252	16,660	15,659
General Government Buildings	53,725	50,523	54,172
Cemeteries	25,250	22,222	25,600

Insurance	62,185	62,026	64,040
Other General Government	13,300	19,222	13,100
Public Safety			
Police Department	474,399	439,897	478,901
Fire Department	169,168	165,134	170,770
Code Enforcement & Inspection	30,020	26,348	30,043
Emergency Management	4,263	3,766	4,782
Safety Communications Services	28,358	25,527	27,213
Highway			
Administration, Maintenance, Constr.	764,833	774,226	803,628
Street Lighting	14,500	16,579	16,465
Sanitation			
Solid Waste Collection	159,819	156,376	171,818
Solid Waste Disposal	125,350	106,451	121,600
Solid Waste Recycling	8,400	6,473	8,200
Health			
Health/Community/School Programs	33,985	32,485	30,127
Welfare			
Administration & Direct Assistance	22,769	7,255	22,769
Culture & Recreation			

Parks & Recreation	83,737	89,738	85,073
Library	98,308	97,317	100,722
Other	7,339	7,564	7,464
Conservation Commission			
Administration & Operations	1,970	2,077	2,004
Debt Service			
Principal: Long Term Bonds & Notes	165,000	165,000	165,000
Interest: Long Term Bonds & Notes	32,500	32,500	24,250
Interest: Tax Anticipation Notes	100	0	100
Bond Issuance Costs			
Capital Outlay			
Land	0	0	120,250
Improvements	0	0	0
Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	50,400	46,949	164,523
Buildings	0	0	125,000
Operating Transfers Out			
To Special Revenue Fund	158,700	155,279	257,818
To Capital Reserve Fund	166,000	166,000	155,000
To Expendable Trust Funds	76,400	76,400	41,200
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	3,573,643	3,508,955	4,052,587

Revenue

Revenue Source	2011 Revenue Estimate	2011 Actual Revenue	2012 Revenue Estimate
Taxes			
Land Use Change Taxes	10,000	4,800	40,000
Yield Taxes	10,000	7,550	10,000
Payment In Lieu Of Taxes	7,500	5,337	7,500
Other Taxes	8,000	8,285	8,000
Int. & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	82,000	84,308	84,000
Excavation Activity Tax	1,000	376	1,000
Licenses, Permits & Fees			
Business Licenses & Permits	1,000	1,015	1,000
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	360,000	349,205	365,000
Building Permits	25,000	22,905	30,000
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	4,000	3,982	4,000
From State			
Shared Revenue	0	0	0
Meals & Room Tax Distribution	92,546	92,546	94,000
Highway Block Grant	119,265	116,075	102,182

Forest Land Reimbursement	927		927
Other			
From Other Governments	175,000	164,234	175,000
Charges For Services			
Income From Departments	50,000	69,725	60,000
Miscellaneous Revenues			
Sale of Municipal Property	15,000	9,150	15,000
Interest on Investments	10,000	3,860	10,000
Other	0	11,151	5,000
Interfund Operating Transfers In			
Special Revenue Funds	158,700	155,422	257,818
Capital Reserve Funds	50,400	46,949	214,523
Cemetery			
Other Financing Sources			
Long Term Bonds & Notes	0	0	0
Surplus	1,400	1,400	51,200
TOTAL REVENUES/CREDITS	1,181,738	1,158,275	1,536,150

	Year 2012 w/ articles	Year 2011 w/ articles
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	4,052,587	3,573,643
LESS ESTIMATED REVENUES	1,536,150	1,181,738
SUBTOTAL	2,516,437	2,391,905
ADD OVERLAY	50,000	155,043
ADD WAR SERVICE CREDITS	64,250	64,250
AMOUNT OF TAXES TO RAISE	2,630,687	2,611,198
LOCAL ASSESSED VALUATION	697,000,000	693,241,593
PROJECTED TOWN TAX RATE	\$3.77	\$3.76 Actual

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Newbury
Newbury, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Town of Newbury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2010, which collectively comprise the town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Town of Newbury's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Newbury, as of December 31, 2010, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated January 25, 2012, on our consideration of the Town of Newbury's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and important for assessing the results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 7 through 22 and 52 through 57, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Newbury's basic financial statements. The combining nonmajor fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by OMB Circular A-133 and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The combining nonmajor fund financial statements and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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The Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator, as "management" of the Town of Newbury (the "Town"), a local municipality located in the County of Merrimack, New Hampshire, submits this section of the Town's annual financial report in order to present our discussion and analysis of the Town's financial performance during the year ended December 31, 2010. Our discussion and analysis is in accordance with the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 34 (GASB 34). Please read it in conjunction with the financial statements, which follow this section.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The Town's total combined net assets increased by \$2,158,182 or 21% between December 31, 2009 and 2010.
- The Town's total combined net assets amounted to \$12,407,977 at December 31, 2010. Net assets consisted of: \$10,413,403 invested in capital assets net of related debt; \$804,263 restricted for special revenue funds; a capital projects fund balance of \$19,887; \$845,692 restricted for other nonmajor funds for purposes of each established fund; and an unrestricted net asset balance of \$324,732.
- The Town has a \$1,997,844 liability for long-term obligations that, under GASB 34, reduces net assets. This does not mean that the Town has this entire payment requirement for next year; rather, only \$189,376 of these obligations is due to be paid during the year ended December 31, 2011.
- The Town's long-term liabilities, consisting of general obligation bonds and notes, compensated absence obligations, capital leases, and unamortized bond premiums, increased by a net (additions less reductions) \$1,163,287 during the year ended December 31, 2010. The net increase consisted of \$1,360,578 in additions to the long-term liabilities and \$197,291 in current year payments made.
- During the year, the Town's expenses were \$2,158,182 less than the \$12,931,473 in revenues generated for charges for services, operating grants and contributions and general revenues (consisting of property taxes and local, state and federal grants and contributions not restricted to specific purposes).

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OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

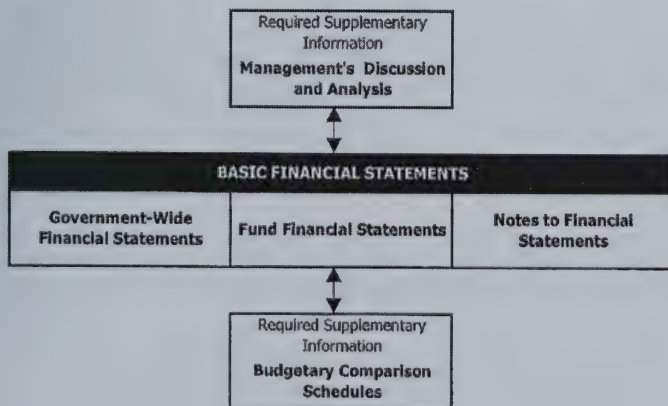
This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Town's basic financial statements. The Town's financial statements are comprised of six primary sections or components: (1) basic government-wide financial statements, (full accrual financial statements), (2) basic fund financial statements, (modified accrual financial statements, current financial resources only), (3) notes to basic financial statements, (4) required supplementary information, (budgetary versus actual comparison), (5) notes to required supplementary information, and (6) other supplementary information including federal awards.

The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the Town based upon measurement focus and basis of accounting.

- The first two statements are government-wide financial statements that provide both long-term and short-term information about the Town's overall financial status.
- The remaining statements are fund financial statements that focus on individual parts of the Town, reporting the Town's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements. The governmental funds statements tell how the Town's services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fiduciary fund statements provide information about the financial relationships in which the Town acts solely as a trustee or agent for the benefit of others, to whom the resources belong.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of required supplementary information that further explains and supports the information in the financial statements. Exhibit A-1 shows how the required parts of this annual report are arranged and related to one another.

Exhibit A-1



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Exhibit A-2 summarizes the major features of the Town's financial statements, including the portion of the Town government they cover and the types of information they contain.

Exhibit A-2

	Government-Wide	Fund Statements	
		Governmental	Fiduciary
SCOPE	Entire Town government (except fiduciary funds)	All activities of the Town that are not proprietary or fiduciary	Instances in which the Town is the trustee or agent for someone else's resources
REQUIRED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	Statement of Net Assets	Balance Sheet	Statement of Fiduciary Assets
	Statement of Activities	Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances	Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets
ACCOUNTING BASIS	Accrual	Modified Accrual	Accrual
MEASUREMENT FOCUS	Economic Resources	Current Financial Resources	Economic Resources
TYPE OF INFORMATION ASSETS AND LIABILITIES	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, short-term and long-term	Only assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter, no capital assets included	All assets and liabilities, both short-term and long-term; the Agency funds do not currently have capital assets although they can
TYPE OF INFORMATION REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND EXPENDITURES	All revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year, expenditures when goods or services have been received and payment is due during the year or soon thereafter	All revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid

The remainder of this overview section of management's discussion and analysis explains the structure and contents of each of the statements.

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Government-Wide Financial Statements:

The first two basic statements are government-wide financial statements that provide both long-term and short-term information about the Town's overall financial status and report net assets and changes in them. A net asset is the difference between assets and liabilities and is one way to measure the Town's financial health, or financial position.

- Over time, increases or decreases in the Town's net assets are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating, respectively.
- In order to assess the overall health of the Town other non-financial factors should also be considered, such as changes in the Town's general revenues (principally property taxes and general state aid), and federal and state intergovernmental revenues (grant programs); the condition of the Town's buildings and other depreciable property (likelihood of emergency repairs or maintenance); and other items subject to significant financial or budgetary uncertainty.

The government-wide financial statements of the Town are included in the Governmental Activities category. Most of the Town's basic services are included here, such as executive, public safety, highway maintenance, sanitation, culture and recreation and conservation services. General revenues, including property taxes, state aid, and federal and state grant programs, finance most of these activities.

Fund Financial Statements:

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the Town's most significant funds, not the Town as a whole. Funds are accounting devices that the Town uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending for particular purposes. State law, regulation or bond covenants actually require the establishment of some funds, while others are established to comply with the requirements of grantors. The Town has two kinds of funds:

Governmental Funds - Most of the Town's basic services are included in governmental funds, which focus on (1) how cash and other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out and (2) the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Town's programs. Because information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the government-wide statements, we provide additional information on the subsequent page that explains the relationships (or differences) between them.

Fiduciary Funds - The Town is responsible for other assets that, because of an agency arrangement, can be used only for the intended purposes. These funds are excluded from the Town's government-wide financial statements because the Town cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

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CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS OF THE TOWN AS A WHOLE Net Assets

Exhibit B-1 shows the composition of the Town's total combined net assets, which increased between December 31, 2009 and 2010 by \$2,158,182 or 21% to \$12,407,977.

Exhibit B-1 NET ASSETS

	Governmental Activities		
	2009	2010	Change
Assets			
Current and other assets	\$ 4,242,344	\$ 4,827,233	\$ 584,889
Noncurrent assets	10,010,018	12,400,947	2,390,929
Total assets	<u>14,252,362</u>	<u>17,228,180</u>	<u>2,975,818</u>
Liabilities			
Current liabilities	3,210,940	2,865,485	(345,455)
Noncurrent liabilities	791,627	1,954,718	1,163,091
Total liabilities	<u>4,002,567</u>	<u>4,820,203</u>	<u>817,636</u>
Net Assets			
Investment in capital assets, net of related debt	9,174,200	10,413,403	1,239,203
Restricted	482,079	1,669,842	1,187,763
Unrestricted	593,516	324,732	(268,784)
Total net assets	<u>\$ 10,249,795</u>	<u>\$ 12,407,977</u>	<u>\$ 2,158,182</u>

A portion of the net assets are either invested in capital assets or restricted as to the purposes they can be used for.

- The Town's investment in capital assets (land and land improvements, construction in progress, buildings, furniture and equipment and infrastructure, net of accumulated depreciation), net of related debt, is the largest component of the total combined net assets.
- Restricted net assets represent capital project, capital reserves and specific fund net asset amounts that are not available for discretionary spending.

Unrestricted net assets are a positive of \$324,732; it is the result of having currently available resources that are more than current liabilities.

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Change in Net Assets

The Town's total revenues were \$12,931,473 while total expenses were \$10,773,291, resulting in an increase in net assets of \$2,158,182.

Exhibit B-2 shows that a significant portion of the Town's total revenues came from the following general revenue sources; 76.03% from property taxes, 3.08% from local sources and unrestricted fees and, 5.39% from State of New Hampshire source intergovernmental revenues primarily derived from state aid programs. Program revenues directly associated with a specific department accounted for the following percentages of total revenues, charges for services provided 2.80% of total revenues while operating grants and contributions provided 0.97%, and capital grants provided 11.33% of total revenues.

Exhibit B-2 SOURCES OF TOWN REVENUES

Governmental Activities

	2009		2010		Change	
Program Revenues						
Charges for services	\$ 334,429	2.91%	\$ 361,786	2.80%	\$ 27,357	8.18%
Operating grants and contributions	118,889	1.04%	125,365	0.97%	6,476	5.45%
Capital grants and contributions	500,813	4.36%	1,464,552	11.33%	963,739	192.43%
General Revenues						
Property taxes	9,726,078	84.77%	9,831,414	76.03%	105,336	1.08%
Local sources	396,317	3.45%	398,523	3.08%	2,206	0.56%
State of New Hampshire sources	324,573	2.83%	696,578	5.39%	372,005	114.61%
Other sources	73,056	0.64%	53,255	0.41%	(19,801)	-27.10%
	<u>\$ 11,474,155</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$ 12,931,473</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$ 1,457,318</u>	<u>12.70%</u>

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Exhibit B-3 shows that 67.79% of the Town's total expenses were for statutory obligations to other governments; specifically, Merrimack County and the Kearsarge Regional School District. Public safety expenses accounted for 5.57% of total expenses, while 7.02% were for general government services and 7.08% were for maintenance of highways and streets.

Exhibit B-3 TOWN EXPENSES

Governmental Activities

	2009		2010		Change				
Functions / Programs									
General government	\$	849,887	7.96%	\$	756,273	7.02%	\$	(93,614)	-11.01%
Public safety		567,243	5.31%		600,283	5.57%		33,040	5.82%
Highways and streets		598,319	5.60%		762,548	7.08%		164,229	27.45%
Sanitation		383,407	3.59%		398,609	3.70%		15,202	3.96%
Health		32,115	0.30%		32,903	0.31%		788	2.45%
Welfare		16,438	0.15%		13,638	0.13%		(2,800)	-17.03%
Culture and recreation		200,430	1.88%		212,482	1.97%		12,052	6.01%
Conservation		7,591	0.07%		2,915	0.03%		(4,676)	-61.60%
Debt service		39,335	0.37%		31,706	0.29%		(7,629)	-19.39%
Capital outlay		194,711	1.82%		106,017	0.98%		(88,694)	-45.55%
Payments to other governments		7,253,219	67.93%		7,303,333	67.79%		50,114	0.69%
Other financing uses		12,896	0.12%		-	0.00%		(12,896)	-100.00%
Unallocated									
Depreciation		521,842	4.89%		552,584	5.13%		30,742	5.89%
	\$	10,677,433	100.00%	\$	10,773,291	100.00%	\$	95,858	0.90%

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Governmental Activities

Exhibit B-4 presents the net cost of the Town's largest functions based upon the total expense, less charges for services and operating grants and contributions, of each function. The net cost reflects the amount that was funded by general revenues (principally property taxes and general state aid).

Exhibit B-4 TOTAL AND NET COST OF SERVICES

	2009		2010	
	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services
Functions / Programs				
General government	\$ 849,887	\$ 690,362	\$ 756,273	\$ 589,641
Public safety	567,243	558,798	600,283	593,024
Highways and streets	598,319	481,430	762,548	647,891
Sanitation	383,407	230,541	398,609	217,480
Health	32,115	32,115	32,903	32,903
Welfare	16,438	16,438	13,638	13,638
Culture and recreation	200,430	184,837	212,482	195,008
Conservation	7,591	7,591	2,915	2,915
Debt Service	39,335	39,335	31,706	31,706
Capital outlay	194,711	(306,102)	106,017	(1,358,535)
Payments to other governments	7,253,219	7,253,219	7,303,333	7,303,333
Other financing uses/nonoperating expenses	12,896	12,896	-	-
Unallocated				
Depreciation	521,842	521,842	552,584	552,584
	<u>\$ 10,677,433</u>	<u>\$ 9,723,302</u>	<u>\$ 10,773,291</u>	<u>\$ 8,821,588</u>

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The total cost of all governmental activities this year was \$10,773,291; the total net cost was \$8,821,588. The primary financing for these activities of the Town was as follows:

Taxes

- The amount that was paid by taxpayers was \$9,716,650 from property taxes, \$15,850 from land use change taxes, \$11,072 from yield taxes, and \$8,345 from other taxes.
- Payments in lieu of taxes in the amount of \$7,575.
- Interest collected on delinquent taxes was \$84,346, while abatements charged against current year taxes were \$12,424.

Local Sources

- Motor vehicle permit fees amounted to \$370,478.
- Other miscellaneous permits and fees amounted to \$28,045.

State Sources

- Meals and rental tax distributions were received in the amount of \$91,794 while other state sources were received in the amount of \$604,784.

Miscellaneous Revenues

- Sale of municipal property in the amount of \$360.
- Earnings on investments amounted to \$6,058.
- Contributions and donations were received in the amount of \$75.
- Other miscellaneous sources were received in the amount of \$30,720.

Other Financing Sources

- Contributions and donations were received in the amount of \$15,300.
- Gain on the sale of assets was recorded in the amount of \$742.

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ANALYSIS OF BALANCES AND TRANSACTIONS OF THE TOWN'S INDIVIDUAL FUNDS

General Fund

The general fund balance decreased \$257,852 during the year from a surplus balance of \$743,017 at December 31, 2009 to a \$485,165 fund balance at December 31, 2010. The December 31, 2010 fund balance consisted of \$0 in reserves for encumbrances and \$485,165 was unreserved.

Major Governmental Funds

Capital Reserve Funds

Expendable capital and maintenance reserve funds (established by voters at an annual Town meeting as trust funds in accordance with statutory requirements) are classified as special revenue funds and are reported as a major fund in the basic financial statements. The capital reserve fund balances decreased \$3,731 during the year from \$807,994 at December 31, 2009 to \$804,263 at December 31, 2010. In accordance with statutory requirements they are held by the Trustees of Trust Funds and are only released for the restricted specific purposes of the individual funds.

Blodgett Sewer Project Fund

The Blodgett sewer project fund is classified as a capital project fund and is reported as a major fund in the basic financial statements. The Blodgett sewer project fund is used to account for the improvement of the wastewater treatment facility in the Blodgett area. The project is funded by general obligation debt and grants and was partially completed as of December 31, 2010.

Nonmajor Governmental Funds

Library Fund

The library fund is classified as a special revenue fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The library fund balance decreased \$2,098 during the year from a surplus balance of \$4,840 at December 31, 2009 to a balance of \$2,742 at December 31, 2010.

Blodgett Sewer Fund

The sewer fund is classified as a special revenue fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The sewer fund balance increased \$13,420 during the year from a surplus balance of \$131,846 at December 31, 2009 to a balance of \$145,266 at December 31, 2010.

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Recreation Revolving Fund

The recreation revolving fund is classified as a special revenue fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The recreation fund balance decreased \$290 during the year from a surplus balance of \$3,209 at December 31, 2009 to a balance of \$2,919 at December 31, 2010.

Conservation Fund

The conservation fund is classified as a special revenue fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The conservation fund is financed from a portion of the land use change tax collections during the year. The conservation fund balance increased \$13,964 during the year from a surplus balance of \$126,164 at December 31, 2009 to a balance of \$140,128 at December 31, 2010.

Beautification Committee Fund

The beautification fund is classified as a special revenue fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The beautification fund is financed through local donations. The beautification fund balance increased \$2,472 during the year from a balance of \$10,133 at December 31, 2009 to a balance of \$12,605 at December 31, 2010.

Veteran's Memorial Fund

The Veteran's Memorial fund is classified as a capital project fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The Veteran's Memorial fund is used to account for donations to maintain the Veteran's Memorial. The balance in the fund as of December 31, 2010 was \$0.

Newbury Harbor Sidewalk Fund

The Sidewalk fund is classified as a capital project fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The Sidewalk fund is used to account for the construction of a sidewalk along the Newbury Harbor. Financing for the project is to come from a federal grant, property taxes, and private donations. The sidewalk project is complete as of December 31, 2010.

Bridge Projects Fund

The Bridge fund is classified as a capital project fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The Bridge fund is used to account for the construction and reconstruction of town bridges.

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Hazard Mitigation Fund

The Hazard Mitigation fund is classified as a capital project fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The Hazard Mitigation fund is used to account for a grant to clean up hazardous sites.

Common Trust Funds

The common trust funds are classified as permanent funds and are aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The common trust funds balance decreased \$22 during the year from a surplus balance of \$125,788 at December 31, 2009 to a balance of \$125,766 at December 31, 2010. The fund balance is comprised of \$102,296 reserved for endowments and \$23,470 of unreserved fund balance.

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GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

For the year ended December 31, 2010 the Town did not revise its statutory budgetary line items; rather, the Town's budgetary control was managed on an aggregate total budget-to-actual basis; total estimated revenues and appropriations versus actual revenues and expenditures.

Final Versus Original Budget Comparison

The original and final budget amounts were different in the amount of \$1,250 as the result of encumbrances brought forward from the prior year.

Actual Versus Final Budget Comparison

The amounts of actual inflows (resources) and outflows (charges to appropriations) varied from the final budget for the following significant items:

- Actual inflows (resources) were less than the budgetary revenue estimates by \$45,598. \$704,867 in fund balance was retained (not used to reduce taxes).
- Actual total outflows (expenditures or charges to appropriations) were more than the budgeted total appropriation by \$174,104.

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CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At December 31, 2010, the Town had invested \$12,400,947 (\$25,638,554 at cost or estimated cost less accumulated depreciation of \$13,237,607) in a broad range of capital assets, including land and land improvements, infrastructure, buildings, vehicles and furniture and equipment as summarized in Exhibit C-1.

This amount represents a net increase of 23.89% over the prior year. This year major additions are also summarized in Exhibit C-1.

Exhibit C-1 NET CAPITAL ASSETS AND MAJOR ADDITIONS

Net Capital Assets	Governmental Activities		
	2009	2010	Change
Land and improvements	\$ 3,328,976	\$ 3,328,976	0.00%
Construction in progress	667,520	3,046,373	356.37%
Infrastructure	11,848,834	12,120,560	2.29%
Buildings	3,370,217	3,370,217	0.00%
Vehicles	1,723,832	1,948,926	13.06%
Machinery and equipment	1,695,236	1,713,366	1.07%
Technology equipment	103,018	110,136	6.91%
Capital assets, at cost	22,737,633	25,638,554	12.76%
Accumulated depreciation	(12,727,615)	(13,237,607)	-4.01%
Capital assets, net	\$ 10,010,018	\$ 12,400,947	23.89%
Increase in Capital Assets, Net		\$ 2,390,929	
Changes			
Construction in progress		\$ 2,378,853	
Infrastructure addition		271,726	
Vehicle purchases		260,862	
Machinery and equipment additions		18,130	
Technology additions		13,200	
Gain (Loss) on disposals		742	
Depreciation		(552,584)	
		\$ 2,390,929	

More detailed information about the Town's capital assets is presented in the notes to the basic financial statements.

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Debt

At December 31, 2010, the Town had \$1,163,091 of long-term obligations (\$2,144,094 in total obligations less the current portion of \$189,376) as summarized in Exhibit C-2.

This amount represents a net increase of 146.92% over the prior year.

Exhibit C-2 LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Long-Term Liabilities	Governmental Activities		
	2009	2010	Change
General obligation bonds	\$ 815,000	\$ 1,965,860	141.21%
Capital leases	20,818	21,684	4.16%
Compensated absences	93,489	115,350	23.38%
Unamortized bond premium	51,500	41,200	-20.00%
	980,807	2,144,094	118.61%
Less current portion	(189,180)	(189,376)	-0.10%
	<u>\$ 791,627</u>	<u>\$ 1,954,718</u>	<u>146.92%</u>
Net Change		<u><u>\$ 1,163,091</u></u>	
Changes			
Revolving loan proceeds		\$ 1,315,860	
New capital lease obligation		22,857	
Principal payment on general obligation debt		(165,000)	
Principal payment on capital leases		(21,991)	
Change in compensated absences		21,861	
Amortization of bond premium		(10,300)	
Change in current portion		(196)	
		<u><u>\$ 1,163,091</u></u>	

State law (RSA 195:6II) limits the amount of general obligation debt that the Town may incur at any one time to 1.75% of the locally assessed valuation as equalized by the Commissioner of the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration. At December 31, 2010, the Town was significantly below its legal debt limit of approximately \$12,780,497.

More detailed information about the Town's long-term liabilities is presented in the notes to the basic financial statements.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Town of Newbury
December 31, 2010

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

The Town Administrator, Department Heads and the Selectmen considered many factors when submitting the 2011 budget to the municipal Budget Committee and the town voters.

These considerations included the following:

1. Decreased local revenues due to a continued sluggish economy.
2. The Select Board's desire to keep the tax rate level from the prior year due to the economic downfall of the prior year.
3. Capital expenditures were only brought forward on a need basis. The major expenditures were for vehicles that were primarily funded by reserve funds
4. An appropriation of \$35,000 was made to start the Veterans Hall.
5. Paving was kept at the same level as last year.
6. No new programs or employees were created.
7. The Select Board is starting to investigate a search for a new safety services facility.

CONTACTING THE TOWN'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the Town's finances and to show the Town's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Town Administrator.

TOWN OF NEWBURY

Statement of Net Assets December 31, 2010

Primary Government
Governmental
Activities

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,655,517
Investments	1,198,732
Receivables, net	770,614
Due from other governments	193,895
Deposit	5,569
Other assets	2,906
Current assets	<u>4,827,233</u>

Noncurrent Assets

Capital assets:	
Land, improvements, and construction in progress	3,328,976
Other capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>9,071,971</u>
Noncurrent assets	<u>12,400,947</u>
Total assets	<u>17,228,180</u>

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities

Accounts payable	157,043
Accrued expenses	8,783
Due to other governments	2,510,283
Current portion long term debt	<u>189,376</u>
Current liabilities	<u>2,865,485</u>

Noncurrent Liabilities

Notes payable	1,800,860
Compensated absences	115,350
Capital lease obligations	7,608
Unamortized bond premium	<u>30,900</u>
Noncurrent liabilities	<u>1,954,718</u>
Total liabilities	<u>4,820,203</u>

NET ASSETS

Investment in capital assets, net of related debt	10,413,403
Restricted for:	
Special revenue funds	804,263
Capital projects	19,887
Nonmajor funds	845,692
Unrestricted	<u>324,732</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$ 12,407,977</u>

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Statement of Activities
Year Ended December 31, 2010

Functions / Programs	Program Revenues				Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Primary
					Governmental Activities
Governmental activities:					
General government	\$ 756,273	\$ 166,632	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (589,641)
Public safety	600,283	7,259	-	-	(593,024)
Highways and streets	762,548	-	114,657	-	(647,891)
Sanitation	398,609	181,129	-	-	(217,480)
Health	32,903	-	-	-	(32,903)
Welfare	13,638	-	-	-	(13,638)
Culture and recreation	212,482	6,766	10,708	-	(195,008)
Conservation	2,915	-	-	-	(2,915)
Debt service	31,706	-	-	-	(31,706)
Capital outlay	106,017	-	-	1,464,552	1,358,535
Payments to other governments	7,303,333	-	-	-	(7,303,333)
Depredation (unallocated)	552,584	-	-	-	(552,584)
Total governmental activities	<u>10,773,291</u>	<u>361,786</u>	<u>125,365</u>	<u>1,464,552</u>	<u>(8,821,588)</u>
General revenues:					
Taxes					\$ 9,831,414
Charges, grants, and contributions not restricted to specific purposes:					
Licenses, permits and fees					398,523
State of NH sources					696,578
Miscellaneous revenues					37,213
Other financing sources					<u>16,042</u>
Total general revenues					<u>10,979,770</u>
Change in net assets					2,158,182
Net assets - beginning					<u>10,249,795</u>
Net assets - ending					<u>\$ 12,407,977</u>

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Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2010

	General Fund	Capital Reserves	Blodgett Sewer Project	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Govern- mental Funds
Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,648,739	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,778	\$ 2,655,517
Investments	1,278	813,862	-	383,592	1,198,732
Property taxes receivable	498,485	-	-	-	498,485
Land use taxes receivable	600	-	-	-	600
Timber taxes receivable	1,476	-	-	-	1,476
Tax liens receivable	202,228	-	-	-	202,228
Accounts receivable	49,919	-	-	17,886	67,805
Other receivables	20	-	-	-	20
Due from other governments	-	-	193,895	-	193,895
Due from other funds	-	-	-	438,553	438,553
Prepays	669	-	-	-	669
Other assets	2,906	-	-	-	2,906
Total assets	<u>\$ 3,406,320</u>	<u>\$ 813,862</u>	<u>\$ 193,895</u>	<u>\$ 846,809</u>	<u>\$ 5,260,886</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balances					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$ 157,043	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 157,043
Due to other governments	2,500,684	9,599	-	-	2,510,283
Due to other funds	263,428	-	174,008	1,117	438,553
Total liabilities	<u>2,921,155</u>	<u>9,599</u>	<u>174,008</u>	<u>1,117</u>	<u>3,105,879</u>
Fund balances:					
Reserved for:					
Endowments	-	-	-	102,296	102,296
Unreserved	485,165	804,263	19,887	-	1,309,315
Unreserved, reported in nonmajor:					
Special revenue funds	-	-	-	303,660	303,660
Capital project funds	-	-	-	416,266	416,266
Permanent trust funds	-	-	-	23,470	23,470
Total fund balances	<u>485,165</u>	<u>804,263</u>	<u>19,887</u>	<u>845,692</u>	<u>2,155,007</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 3,406,320</u>	<u>\$ 813,862</u>	<u>\$ 193,895</u>	<u>\$ 846,809</u>	<u>\$ 5,260,886</u>

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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Governmental Funds Year Ended December 31, 2010

	General Fund	Capital Reserves	Blodgett Sewer Project	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues					
Taxes	\$ 9,831,414	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,831,414
Licenses, permits and fees	398,523	-	-	-	398,523
Federal sources	6,826	-	1,464,552	-	1,471,378
State of NH sources	213,518	-	-	590,891	804,409
Charges for services	209,168	-	-	163,326	372,494
Miscellaneous revenues	5,912	-	-	25,243	31,155
Investment income	3,535	1,769	-	754	6,058
Total revenues	<u>10,668,896</u>	<u>1,769</u>	<u>1,464,552</u>	<u>780,214</u>	<u>12,915,431</u>
Expenditures					
Current:					
General government	913,995	-	-	-	913,995
Public safety	646,579	-	-	-	646,579
Highways and streets	757,777	-	-	-	757,777
Sanitation	279,893	-	-	143,444	423,337
Health	32,903	-	-	-	32,903
Welfare	13,638	-	-	-	13,638
Culture and recreation	177,741	-	-	34,048	211,789
Conservation	2,915	-	-	-	2,915
Debt service:					
Principal	165,000	-	-	-	165,000
Interest	42,635	-	-	-	42,635
Capital outlay	416,965	-	2,276,683	116,688	2,810,336
Payments to other governments	<u>7,303,333</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,303,333</u>
Total expenditures	<u>10,753,374</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,276,683</u>	<u>294,180</u>	<u>13,324,237</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(84,478)	1,769	(812,131)	486,034	(408,806)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Transfers in	216,400	210,900	-	201,731	629,031
Transfers out	(412,631)	(216,400)	-	-	(629,031)
Proceeds from long-term notes and bonds	-	-	1,315,860	-	1,315,860
Capital lease financing	<u>22,857</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,857</u>
Net change in fund balances	(257,852)	(3,731)	503,729	687,765	929,911
Fund balances - beginning of year	<u>743,017</u>	<u>807,994</u>	<u>(483,842)</u>	<u>157,927</u>	<u>1,225,096</u>
Fund balances - end of year	<u>\$ 485,165</u>	<u>\$ 804,263</u>	<u>\$ 19,887</u>	<u>\$ 845,692</u>	<u>\$ 2,155,007</u>

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements
December 31, 2010

NOTE 6 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the Town for the year ended December 31, 2010 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Disposals	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities (at cost)				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land and Improvements	\$ 1,858,114	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,858,114
Construction in progress	667,520	2,378,853	-	3,046,373
	<u>2,525,634</u>	<u>2,378,853</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,904,487</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Land Improvements	1,470,862	-	-	1,470,862
Infrastructure	11,848,834	271,726	-	12,120,560
Buildings	3,370,217	-	-	3,370,217
Vehicles	1,723,832	260,862	35,768	1,948,926
Machinery and equipment	1,695,236	18,130	-	1,713,366
Technology equipment	103,018	13,200	6,082	110,136
	<u>20,211,999</u>	<u>563,918</u>	<u>41,850</u>	<u>20,734,067</u>
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Land Improvements	120,225	59,893	-	180,118
Infrastructure	9,432,332	161,884	1,081	9,593,135
Buildings	1,057,684	109,371	-	1,167,055
Vehicles	966,168	115,735	35,768	1,046,135
Machinery and equipment	1,070,840	95,384	-	1,166,224
Technology equipment	80,366	10,317	5,743	84,940
Accumulated depreciation	<u>12,727,615</u>	<u>552,584</u>	<u>42,592</u>	<u>13,237,607</u>
Capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>7,484,384</u>	<u>11,334</u>	<u>(742)</u>	<u>7,496,460</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, Net of accumulated depreciation	<u>\$ 10,010,018</u>	<u>\$ 2,390,187</u>	<u>\$ (742)</u>	<u>\$ 12,400,947</u>

Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2010 (unallocated) \$ 552,584

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NOTE 7 - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

The Town can issue general obligation debt instruments to provide funds for the acquisition and construction of major capital equipment, infrastructure and other facilities. General obligation debt instruments are "direct government obligations" and consequently are a pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town. The Town is obligated under certain leases accounted for as capital leases. The leased assets are accounted for as capital assets and capital lease liabilities in the government-wide financial statements. In the governmental fund financial statements the lease is recorded as an expenditure and other financing source in the year executed; annual lease payments are recorded as expenditures when paid. Other long-term obligations include compensated absences and early retirement obligations.

A summary of long-term liabilities outstanding at December 31, 2010 is as follows:

	General Obligation Debt	Capital Leases Obligations	Compensated Absences	Unamortized Bond Premium	Total
Beginning balance	\$ 815,000	\$ 20,818	\$ 93,489	\$ 51,500	\$ 980,807
Additions	1,315,860	22,857	21,861	-	1,360,578
Reductions	(165,000)	(21,991)	-	(10,300)	(197,291)
Ending balance	<u>1,965,860</u>	<u>21,684</u>	<u>115,350</u>	<u>41,200</u>	<u>2,144,094</u>
Current portion	165,000	14,076	-	10,300	189,376
Noncurrent portion	<u>1,800,860</u>	<u>7,608</u>	<u>115,350</u>	<u>30,900</u>	<u>1,954,718</u>
	<u>\$ 1,965,860</u>	<u>\$ 21,684</u>	<u>\$ 115,350</u>	<u>\$ 41,200</u>	<u>\$ 2,144,094</u>

Long-term liabilities outstanding at December 31, 2010 consisted of the following:

	Issue Year	Interest Rate	Maturity Date	Original Amount of Issue	Amount Outstanding 12/31/10
<u>General Obligation Bonds</u>					
Highway Garage and Town Office	2004	3.63%	2014	\$ 1,647,000	\$ 650,000
State Revolving Loan Proceeds	2010	0.86%	5/1/2031	1,315,860	<u>1,315,860</u>
					<u>1,965,860</u>
<u>Capital Lease Obligations</u>					
Police Cruiser	2009		2011	20,836	6,938
Ford motor credit - Toyota 4 Runner	2010		2012	22,857	<u>14,746</u>
					<u>21,684</u>
<u>Other Long-Term Obligations</u>					
Compensated absences					115,350
Unamortized bond premium					<u>41,200</u>
					<u>156,550</u>
					<u>\$ 2,144,094</u>

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Annual debt service requirements to maturity for general obligation debt are as follows:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2011	\$ 165,000	\$ 32,500	\$ 197,500
2012	165,000	60,874	225,874
2013	213,077	27,369	240,446
2014	214,597	18,910	233,507
2015	56,160	10,438	66,598
After	<u>1,152,026</u>	<u>90,555</u>	<u>1,242,581</u>
	<u>\$ 1,965,860</u>	<u>\$ 240,646</u>	<u>\$ 2,206,506</u>

Obligations under capital lease are as follows:

2011	\$ 15,472
2012	8,111
2013	-
After	<u>-</u>
Total minimum lease payments	23,583
Less amount representing imputed interest	<u>(1,899)</u>
Present value of minimum lease payments	<u>\$ 21,684</u>

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NOTE 11 - POST-RETIREMENT HEALTH CARE

Plan description and annual OPEB cost

Benefits provided to retirees follow New Hampshire Statute 100-A:50 (Medical Insurance Coverage). This statute states that the district "shall permit its employees upon retirement to continue to participate in the same medical insurance or health care group or plan as its active employees. Retired employees shall be deemed to be part of the same group as active employees of the same employer for purposes of determining medical insurance premiums. Coverage for spouses, other family members and beneficiaries of retirees shall also be permitted to the extent that coverage is provided for the spouses, other family members and beneficiaries of active employees..." In addition, the statute states "Each political subdivision, as employer, may elect to pay the full cost of group medical insurance or health care coverage for its retirees, or may require each retiree to pay any part or all of the cost of the retiree's participation."

The Town provides medical benefits to its eligible retirees. The benefits are provided through fully insured plans that are sponsored by a state-wide health insurance consortium. Employee groups are eligible to retire after reaching age 55. Retirees are required to pay 100% of the cost for coverage. This valuation does not account for the cost of benefits to retirees or their spouses after age 65. Surviving beneficiaries continue to receive coverage after the death of the eligible retired employee but are required to pay 100% of the cost.

The Town implemented GASB Statement 45, Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Post-Employment Benefits Other than Pensions, in the year ended December 31, 2010. This required the Town to calculate and record a net other post-employment benefit obligation at year end. The Town used the alternative measurement method to prepare this valuation permitted by Statement 45. The net other post-employment benefit obligation is basically the cumulative difference between the required contribution and the actual contributions made.

Currently, 0 retired employees receive health benefits from the Town. The Town recognizes the cost of providing health insurance annually as expenditures in the General Fund of the funds financial statements as payments are made. For the year ended December 31, 2010, the Town recognized \$0 for its share of insurance premiums for currently enrolled retirees.

The Town has obtained a valuation report as of January 1, 2010 which indicates that the total liability for other post-employment benefits is \$270,401 (\$0 related to retirees and \$270,401 related to employees).

The Town's annual other post-employment benefit (OPEB) cost (expense) for its plan is calculated based on the annual required contribution of the employer (ARC), an amount determined in accordance with the parameters of GASB Statement 45. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal cost each year and to amortize any unfunded liabilities (or funding excess) over a period not to exceed thirty years.

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The following table shows the components of the Town's annual OPEB cost for the year, the amount actually contributed to the plan, and changes in the Town's net OPEB obligation:

	For the Year Ended December 31, 2010
Annual Required Contribution (ARC)	\$ 30,336
Interest on Net OPEB Obligation	\$ -
Adjustment to ARC (If Applicable)	\$ -
Annual OPEB Cost (Expense)	\$ 30,336
Contributions Made - Active Employees Premium Subsidy Paid	\$ 30,336
Increase (Decrease) in Net OPEB Obligation	\$ -
Net OPEB Obligation - Beginning of Year	\$ -
Net OPEB Obligation - End of Year	\$ -

The Town's annual OPEB cost, the percentage of annual OPEB cost contributed to the plan, and the net OPEB obligation were as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending	Annual OPEB Cost	Percentage of Annual OPEB Cost Contributed	Net OPEB Obligation
December 31, 2010	\$ 30,336	100%	\$0

As of January 1, 2010, the most recent valuation date, the plan was 0% funded. The accrued liability for benefits was \$270,401 and the value of assets was \$0, resulting in an unfunded accrued liability (UAL) of \$270,401. The covered payroll (annual payroll of active employees covered by the plan) was \$927,212, and the ratio of the UAL to the covered payroll was 29.16%. Valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and the healthcare cost trend. Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the plan and the annual required contributions of the employer are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. The schedule of funding progress, presented as required supplementary information following the notes to the financial statements, presents multiyear trend information about whether the value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the accrued liabilities for benefits.

Cost methods and assumptions

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and the plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan members to that point. The cost methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in accrued liabilities and the value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

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December 31, 2010

In the January 1, 2010 valuation, the Projected Unit Credit cost method was used, the assumptions included a 4.00% investment rate of return (net of administrative expenses), which is a blended rate of the expected long-term investment returns on plan assets and on the employer's own investments calculated based on the funded level of the plan at the valuation date.

The annual healthcare cost trend rates below were applied:

Year	Medical
12/31/2010	-1.00%
12/31/2011	10.00%
12/31/2012	9.00%
12/31/2013	8.00%
12/31/2014	7.00%
12/31/2015	6.00%
12/31/2016	5.00%

The remaining amortization period at December 31, 2010 was 29 years.

NOTE 12 – REVOLVING LOAN AGREEMENT

The Town has entered into an agreement with the State of New Hampshire, Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Fund Program (the "State") for the purpose of financing an upgrade to the Blodgett Landing Waste Water Treatment Facility. As of December 31, 2010, the town has received \$2,780,412 from the State towards the project. In accordance with the agreement the town agrees to repay the State of up to 50% of the aggregate amount disbursed by the State for the project. The balance shall be provided in the form of federal financial assistance from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) through the State. Upon substantial completion of the project a promissory note will be issued by the Town in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33, including the provisions of RSA 486:14. Pursuant to ARRA, the Town is eligible for up to 50% forgiveness of the principal sum and directly related interest.

TOWN OF NEWBURY

Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund Year Ended December 31, 2010

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance
Budgetary Fund Balance - Beginning	\$ 36,900	\$ 38,150	\$ 743,017	\$ 704,867
Resources (inflows):				
Taxes				
Property taxes	9,716,150	9,716,150	9,716,650	500
Land use change taxes	40,000	40,000	15,850	(24,150)
Timber taxes	10,000	10,000	11,072	1,072
Payments in lieu of taxes	-	-	7,575	7,575
Other taxes	8,000	8,000	8,101	101
Interest and penalties on delinquent taxes	85,000	85,000	84,346	(654)
Excavation tax	1,000	1,000	244	(756)
Provision for overlay and abatements	(27,599)	(27,599)	(12,424)	15,175
Licenses, permits and fees				
Business licenses and permits	1,000	1,000	-	(1,000)
Motor vehicle permit fees	377,000	377,000	370,478	(6,522)
Building permits	27,000	27,000	24,123	(2,877)
Other licenses, permits and fees	4,000	4,000	3,922	(78)
Federal sources				
Fema Grant	7,575	7,575	6,826	(749)
State of NH sources				
Meals and rental tax distribution	91,794	91,794	91,794	-
Highway block grant	106,895	106,895	106,895	-
State and federal forest land reimbursement	936	936	936	-
Charges for services				
Income from departments	60,000	60,000	24,764	(35,236)
Garbage-refuse charges	-	-	24,261	24,261
Other charges	170,000	170,000	160,143	(9,857)
Miscellaneous revenues				
Sale of municipal property	15,000	15,000	360	(14,640)
Interest on investments	10,000	10,000	3,535	(6,465)
Other miscellaneous sources	16,000	16,000	5,552	(10,448)
Interfund operating transfers in				
Transfers from special revenue funds	197,250	197,250	216,400	19,150
Actual Inflows	10,917,001	10,917,001	10,871,403	(45,598)
Amounts available for appropriation	\$ 10,953,901	\$ 10,955,151	\$ 11,614,420	\$ 659,269

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund Year Ended December 31, 2010

	Original			
	Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance
Charges to appropriations (outflows):				
General government				
Executive	\$ 184,256	\$ 184,256	\$ 181,393	\$ 2,863
Election and registration	7,494	7,494	6,771	723
Financial administration	444,292	444,292	449,295	(5,003)
Legal expense	23,000	23,000	33,801	(10,801)
Personnel administration	3,600	3,600	4,388	(788)
Planning and zoning	60,293	60,293	59,452	841
General government building	51,892	51,892	59,245	(7,353)
Cemeteries	25,140	25,140	25,146	(6)
Insurance not otherwise allocated	57,750	57,750	57,938	(188)
Other general government	13,600	13,600	22,665	(9,065)
Other	-	-	8	(8)
Public safety				
Police	468,306	468,306	452,677	15,629
Fire	163,679	163,679	130,728	32,951
Building inspection	29,308	29,308	29,118	190
Emergency management	4,263	4,263	5,122	(859)
Other public safety	30,866	30,866	28,934	1,932
Highways and streets				
Administration	552,995	552,995	-	552,995
Highways and streets	195,000	195,000	741,753	(546,753)
Street lighting	14,500	14,500	16,024	(1,524)
Sanitation				
Solid waste collection	158,457	158,457	158,125	332
Solid waste disposal	128,850	128,850	111,595	17,255
Solid waste clean-up	7,500	7,500	10,173	(2,673)
Health				
Health agencies and hospitals	34,403	34,403	32,903	1,500
Welfare				
Administration	-	-	2,882	(2,882)
Direct assistance	22,869	22,869	10,756	12,113
Culture and recreation				
Parks and recreation	65,961	65,961	71,527	(5,566)
Library	87,325	87,325	87,921	(596)
Patriotic purposes	12,000	12,000	12,000	-
Other culture and recreation	7,542	7,542	6,293	1,249
Conservation				
Administration	1,577	1,577	1,915	(338)
Other conservation	-	-	1,000	(1,000)
Debt service				
Principal on long term bonds and notes	165,000	165,000	165,000	-
Interest on long term bonds and notes	40,750	40,750	40,750	-
Interest on tax anticipation notes	100	100	250	(150)
Other debt service charges	-	-	1,635	(1,635)

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund Year Ended December 31, 2010

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance
Capital outlay				
Machinery, vehicles, and equipment	\$ 277,100	\$ 277,100	\$ 287,836	\$ (10,736)
Buildings	100,000	100,000	100,000	-
Improvements other than buildings	-	1,250	1,272	(22)
Other	-	-	5,000	(5,000)
Interfund operating transfers out				
Transfer to special revenue funds	210,900	210,900	224,525	(13,625)
Transfer to capital project funds	-	-	188,106	(188,106)
Payments to other governments				
Taxes assessed for county	1,942,525	1,942,525	1,942,525	-
Taxes assessed for precincts	23,111	23,111	23,111	-
Local education taxes assessed	3,725,387	3,725,387	3,725,387	-
State education taxes assessed	1,612,310	1,612,310	1,612,310	-
Total charges to appropriations	<u>10,953,901</u>	<u>10,955,151</u>	<u>11,129,255</u>	<u>(174,104)</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance - Ending	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 485,165	\$ 485,165

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Notes to Required Supplementary Information December 31, 2010

NOTE 2 - EXPLANATION OF BUDGETARY TO GAAP DIFFERENCES

Basis and Timing Differences

The basis of accounting or the timing of transactions used or applied by the funds in the basic financial statements (fund financial statements) differs from the basis of accounting or timing of transactions used or applied by the funds for budgetary purposes. The following is an explanation of the differences between budgetary inflows and outflows and GAAP revenues and expenditures.

<u>Budgetary Fund</u>	<u>General Fund</u>
<u>Financial Statement Major Fund</u>	<u>General Fund</u>
Sources / Inflows of Resources: Actual amounts (budgetary basis) "available for appropriation" from the budgetary comparison schedule	\$ 11,614,420
Differences - Budget to GAAP:	
Budgetary inflows that are not revenues for financial reporting purposes	
Beginning unreserved fund (balance) deficit	(743,017)
Transfers from other funds	(216,400)
Actual revenues that are not inflows for budgetary purposes	
Police and Fire retirement on-behalf payments by the State of New Hampshire	13,893
Total revenues as reported on the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances - governmental funds	<u>\$ 10,668,896</u>
Uses / Outflows of Resources: Actual amounts (budgetary basis) "total charges to appropriations" from the budgetary comparison schedule	\$ 11,129,255
Differences - Budget to GAAP:	
Budgetary outflows that are not expenditures for financial reporting purposes	
Transfers to other funds	(412,631)
Actual expenditures that are not outflows for budgetary purposes	
Police and Fire retirement on-behalf payments by the State of New Hampshire	13,893
Capital lease financing	22,857
Total expenditures as reported on the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances - governmental funds	<u>\$ 10,753,374</u>

Combining Balance Sheet - Nonmajor Governmental Funds
December 31, 2010

Beautification Committee	Bridge Projects	Hazard Mitigation	Common Trust Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,778
-	-	-	125,766	383,592
-	-	-	-	17,886
<u>12,605</u>	<u>386,485</u>	<u>29,781</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>438,553</u>
<u>\$ 12,605</u>	<u>\$ 386,485</u>	<u>\$ 29,781</u>	<u>\$ 125,766</u>	<u>\$ 846,809</u>
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,117
-	-	-	-	1,117
-	-	-	102,296	102,296
<u>12,605</u>	<u>386,485</u>	<u>29,781</u>	<u>23,470</u>	<u>743,396</u>
<u>12,605</u>	<u>386,485</u>	<u>29,781</u>	<u>125,766</u>	<u>845,692</u>
<u>\$ 12,605</u>	<u>\$ 386,485</u>	<u>\$ 29,781</u>	<u>\$ 125,766</u>	<u>\$ 846,809</u>

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Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Year Ended December 31, 2010
(Continued)

	Library Fund	Blodgett Sewer	Recreation Revolving Fund	Conser- vation Fund
Revenues				
Licenses, permits and fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State of NH sources	-	-	-	-
Charges for services	-	156,640	6,686	-
Miscellaneous revenues	11,316	224	2	339
Interfund operating transfers In	-	-	-	13,625
Total revenues and other financing sources	11,316	156,864	6,688	13,964
Expenditures				
Sanitation	-	143,444	-	-
Culture and recreation	13,414	-	6,978	-
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-
Interfund operating transfers out	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures and other financing sources	13,414	143,444	6,978	-
Excess revenue and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	(2,098)	13,420	(290)	13,964
Fund balances - beginning of year	4,840	131,846	3,209	126,164
Fund balances - end of year	\$ 2,742	\$ 145,266	\$ 2,919	\$ 140,128

**Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Year Ended December 31, 2010**

Beautification Committee	Veteran's Memorial Fund	Newbury Harbor Sidewalk Project	Bridge Projects	Hazard Mitigation	Common Trust Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
-	-	(12,578)	553,240	50,229	-	590,891
-	-	-	-	-	-	163,326
13,852	-	-	-	-	264	25,997
-	-	188,106	-	-	-	201,731
<u>13,852</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>175,528</u>	<u>553,240</u>	<u>50,229</u>	<u>264</u>	<u>981,945</u>
-	-	-	-	-	-	143,444
11,380	1,990	-	-	-	286	34,048
-	-	-	96,240	20,448	-	116,688
-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>11,380</u>	<u>1,990</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>96,240</u>	<u>20,448</u>	<u>286</u>	<u>294,180</u>
2,472	(1,990)	175,528	457,000	29,781	(22)	687,765
<u>10,133</u>	<u>1,990</u>	<u>(175,528)</u>	<u>(70,515)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>125,788</u>	<u>157,927</u>
<u>\$ 12,605</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 386,485</u>	<u>\$ 29,781</u>	<u>\$ 125,766</u>	<u>\$ 845,692</u>

Conservation Commission

The Newbury Conservation Commission continued to face many challenging issues in 2011. As an advisory board, we review projects and plans submitted by landowners, and then make our recommendations to the board of selectmen and the planning board. We realize the importance of dedicating our efforts to educate and advise our townspeople, shoreland homeowners, developers and loggers on the best environmental practices. We try to educate the public on the importance of being good stewards of the land and water. Our area seems to be changing rapidly and we must be conscious of protecting the water quality of the streams, wetlands, drinking water, ponds and lakes. It is our hope that if you cut a tree that you will plant another. We are committed to continuing to work together with you to protect our environment.



Toad stool after a rain storm.

Photo courtesy Martha von Redlich

The commission researched and addressed concerns regarding the following proposed projects:

Newbury Elderly Housing Project

The commission spent much time researching and reviewing the components of the Newbury Elderly Housing Project proposed by CAP/HUD. Several abutters came before the commission

to present information pertaining to the expected impact on the wildlife, wetlands and Lake Sunapee. The commission recommended to the planning board that an independent wetland scientist be hired to review the project. Dr. Rick Van de Poll was hired and he reported that the lake was not in jeopardy and the wildlife would continue to thrive even if the project were to take place.

Review/Sign-Off

The commission was asked to review and submit comments/concerns on three applications presented to the planning board. After thorough review of each application, the commission submitted written reports on these projects: Baker Hill Golf Course parking lot expansion; Brett and Cindi Croft accessory apartment; and the CAP/HUD Newbury Elderly Housing Project.

Forest Laws Workshop for Municipal Officials

Eric Unger, vice chair, spearheaded a day-long workshop in November on forestry laws and best practices. The workshop was held in the town office conference room and over 50 people attended including loggers, foresters, landowners and municipal officials. The workshop was co-sponsored with University of New Hampshire (UNH) Cooperative Extension, Local Government Center (LGC), Department of Environmental Services (DES) Wetland Bureau, New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration (DRA), New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands, New Hampshire Timber Harvesting Council and New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association. Topics included the role of county foresters, the New Hampshire timber harvest laws, highway/road classification, applicable laws (RSAs), wetland and timber harvesting, best practices for forestry, protecting New Hampshire's water quality, and the standard timber sale contract. The cooperative extension spokesperson said this was the best attended forestry workshop they had ever had. We hope to have more workshops, including roundtable discussions in 2012.

Landscaping at the Water's Edge

Richard Wright, ex-officio member, gave a July workshop at Lake Sunapee Protective Association (LSPA) on landscaping at the water's edge. As a master gardener, Mr. Wright has conducted workshops on what is best to plant by the shoreline. He teaches that the landscape should mimic nature, using natural and native species along the shoreline. The workshop emphasizes that instead of suburbanizing the landscape one

should strive to have healthy trees and a natural woodland buffer at the water's edge. More information can be found on www.des.nh.gov or by calling (603) 271-3503.

Chalk Pond Corrective Action and Stormwater Management Plan

In October, Charlie Hirshberg and Steve Russell presented a watershed/drainage assessment, corrective action plan and a stormwater management plan on behalf of the Sunapee Hills Chalk Pond Community Association. The commission agreed to write a letter to DES in support of their project.

Trail Map

The commission updated the trail map with a new insert. Commissioners Chuck Crickman and Frank Perrotta worked on the insert and it was approved by the commission. The updated map is available at the Newbury library, Newbury information booth, New London information booth, The Tackle Shop and the Quikstop. Go take a hike!

Old Home Day

The conservation commission had a booth at Old Home Day and displayed wildlife maps and maps from the Natural Resource Inventory. Commissioners were on hand to answer questions.

New Hampshire Natural Heritage Bureau (NHB)

The NHB contacted the commission with an overview on the process used by the NHB to determine if a piece of property contains an old relic that needs protection. The NHB also identifies sensitive species of plant/trees/shrubs on a property that falls under its protective custody.

NH Department of Environmental Services (DES)

The commission reviewed the following notifications from DES:

Shoreland Impact Permit (10): David & Mary Blohm, Kristen Moavenian, Donna J. Carr, Waldeck

Revocable Trust, Laurel M. Matthews & Martha A. Matthews, Alan & Kristin Retter, Hank & Mary Oolders, Jason & Heidi Saghir, Peter & Patricia Reynold's and Jeffrey Estella.

Minimum Impact Expedited Application (4): Briott LLC, Ivor & Barbara Freeman, Red House Trust, and Bellavance Revocable Trust AR.

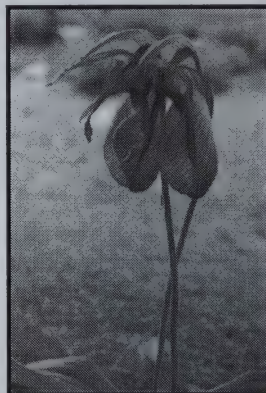
Wetlands and Non-Site Specific Permit (4): Town of Newbury, Landing Boat Club, Craig A. Sweitzer, and John Greenwood.

Permit by Notification (2): Jeffrey L. & Jane C. Eiras, and Holmes Revocable Trust.

Forestry Notifications (2): Mark & Anne Hilton, and Northwoodlands, Inc

The Commission reviewed the following Intent to Cut applications:

Intent to Cut (20): Robert & Carol Von Ette, Carl & Lory Bennett, Peter K. Metsch (3), Marion DeRoche, Helmut Schwarzer, Donald E. Clifford, Kevin & Patricia Girard, Gwendolyn Ware, Scott B. Hill, Sherry Hill, Scott Falvey, Charles E. Cox, Mark & Anne Hilton, Marc Moran, Peter Moore, and Noelle & Jason Bassi.



Lady slipper in Newbury.
Photo courtesy Maureen Rosen

Buffer Zone Cut (6): C. Chapman Canady, Virginia Mars, George Gordon, Peter Santoro, Marybeth Kozikowski, and Richard Messer.

Project Updates

- **Wild Goose Boat Launch** is still going though the permit approval process. For more information, go to www.lakesunapee.org.

- **New England Handicap Sports Association (NEHSA)** is still in the planning stage and reviewing their options to expand their sports facility.

The human impact on our environment continues to be a serious concern to the conservation commission and we continue to keep residents informed on how to maintain a balance between human needs and environmental needs so we may all continue to enjoy this beautiful place in which we live.

I want to thank every commissioner for his/her attention and hard work as we tackled the substantial issues and projects that came before us this year. Their dedication to detail, ongoing research, continuing education and thorough review of each project left no environmental stone unturned. I salute them all.

Special thanks to Meg Whittemore, recording secretary, for her valuable insights, undaunting support and dedication to the conservation mission.

Our meetings are open to the public. If you are interested in joining us, please come to one of our meetings.

Katheryn C. Holmes, Chair

Vice-chair - Eric Unger

Members: Charles Crickman, Deane Geddes, Suzanne Levine

Alternates: William Annable, Frank Perrotta

Ex-officio: Richard Wright



Members of the commission from left to right: (sitting) Eric Unger, Kathryn Holmes, Deane Geddes, (standing) Chuck Crickman, Dick Wright and Bill Annable.

Photo courtesy Donna Long

The Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust

The Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (Ausbon Sargent) is a regional land trust founded in 1987 to preserve the rural quality of the Mount Kearsarge/Lake Sunapee region. Ausbon Sargent has been a leader in the conservation of our natural resources and has earned the mark of distinction as an accredited land trust. Fewer than 8% of land trusts in the United States have earned this important distinction. Since our founding nearly 25 years ago, the land trust has completed 119 projects and protected 9,581 acres. All of these properties provide for some public benefit and two thirds of these properties offer public access.

During 2011 we held events including hikes, field trips, dinners and our annual holiday party. We are pleased that so many of you participate actively in our events. We also sponsored two roundtable discussions for the chairs of the conservation commissions from our 12-town region. The events afforded us an opportunity to learn about the concerns facing the towns in our region regarding conservation issues and to share our expertise in land conservation with them. We very much appreciate the support that we receive from the conservation commissions of our member towns.

2011 was also a successful year for doing what we do best – land conservation. We completed five projects that conserved a total of 782 acres. These conservation easements include the 143-acre Battles Farm in Bradford, 53 additional acres added to the Star Lake Farm easement in Springfield, the 318-acre Kiskanari easement in Bradford, the 158-acre Fernley easement in Bradford, and 103 acres at Ledge Pond in Sunapee. Now that we have conserved these properties, it is our obligation to steward these lands forever.

The year 2012 will mark our 25th anniversary celebration. This will be a wonderful opportunity for all of us to remember the successes and struggles which we have experienced together. Along with the citizens of our region, we have partnered to preserve a quality of life that is only possible because of the many natural places we have preserved since our founding. We are planning dozens of activities and events to celebrate this milestone including a roving video presentation to visit each of the 12 towns in our region, a birthday celebration in June, a barbecue picnic at Star Lake Farm in July, a special appreciation event in September, tours of properties, and art shows. We hope that you will be able to attend as many of them as possible.



Beautiful view of Chalk Pond.

Photo courtesy Wayne Whitford

Ausbon Sargent is a success because of our members and our many generous friends at all levels. We thank our loyal and giving members who provide financial support to sustain the

land trust so that we may successfully continue to further our mission to protect the rural heritage that we all enjoy. Many of our members assist in organizing our fundraising events and serve on various committees. We are especially thankful for their support and the countless hours they give us during the year - from folding letters to desktop publishing to legal support and land monitoring. Also, we are grateful for the generous land owners who have placed conservation easements on their properties and have helped us with our journey to preserve this very special region.

For more information, to view our calendar, or to become a member, please visit our website at: www.ausbonsargent.org.

Deborah L. Stanley, Executive Director

Board of Trustees

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Lake Sunapee Protective Association

Education: Lake Sunapee Protective Association's (LSPA) education director, Kathleen Stowell, has expanded LSPA's environmental educational programs to the Kearsarge, Sunapee and Newport school districts. The free programs include field trips to Sunapee Harbor, The Fells and other locations. In 2011 LSPA hosted several speakers to discuss history, loons, science and landscaping.

Landscape Demonstration Garden: LSPA offered a stormwater landscaping demonstration garden at the learning center in Sunapee Harbor which continued to be a popular reference for homeowners and contractors to learn how to incorporate various stormwater handling features into landscaping plans.



*Beautiful view of Mount Sunapee with Lake Sunapee in the foreground.
Photo courtesy Maureen Rosen*

Science: Throughout 2011, LSPA's scientific advisory committee, led by Kak Weathers, research director, continued research into gloeotrichia, the blue-green alga seen in Lake Sunapee and other New England lakes. Additional research was conducted on tributary investigations relating chemistry,

land use and biota. Fish-mercury research was also conducted by the committee.

In October 2011, LSPA, together with the Cary Institute of Ecological Studies, hosted a week-long Global Lake Ecological Observatory Network (GLEON) conference at Mount Sunapee Resort. Over 100 scientists from 20 countries attended and shared lake ecological research and findings with each other and the public. A presentation given by Dr. Justin Brookes, director of the Water Research Centre at the University of Adelaide, Australia, was open to the public and included a panel discussion of water quality worldwide. A poster session, describing current research results, was also available.

LSPA's Lake Sunapee buoy is one of several worldwide that records lake and weather data 24/7. Information collected from this buoy can be found under programs at www.lakesunapee.org. The buoy is moved to Sunapee Harbor in winter to limit ice-out damage. In the other seasons it is located near Loon Island.

Watershed: In 2011, the Sunapee infrastructure project results of 2010 were shared with the municipalities and the state. Follow-up progressed on understanding the watershed infrastructure's adequacy to meet current and future needs. Discussions continued on watershed techniques to limit the amount of water that the infrastructure must handle.

Wild Goose: In 2011, The New Hampshire Water Council and Wetlands Council upheld the alteration of terrain and shoreland permit appeals. LSPA's cases were based on engineering and scientific analysis of the plans indicating deficits relative to the law and inadequacies for the lake's water quality.

Water Quality: LSPA's water quality laboratory, managed by Bonnie Lewis, continued to serve area lake associations. The lab is located at the Ivey Center at Colby Sawyer College

and saves area lakes from having to travel into Concord with their water samples. LSPA staff and volunteers continue to monitor water quality at locations around the lake, its tributaries and connecting lakes and ponds.



Lake Sunapee

Photo courtesy Maureen Rosen

Second Annual Lake Cleanup: In September, employees and volunteers from LSPA and the New London fire department diving squad spent a day cleaning up Lake Sunapee Harbor. Their efforts filled a pickup truck with trash and debris including cans, bottles, a table and an awning.

2011 was the 11th year of LSPA's *Weed Watch and Lake Host Programs* to prevent and control invasive milfoil and other species. Thousands of boats were checked for invasive plants at all five boat launches in Lake Sunapee. The benthic barrier that limits current invasive milfoil was maintained. Staff and volunteers patrolled Lake Sunapee's perimeter three times during the summer. These programs continue to keep the invasive milfoil under control.

Once again, I would like to say thank-you to our supporters, volunteers, scientists, students and staff for their dedication to the Lake Sunapee environment, ecology and our natural resources.

June Fichter, Executive Director

Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway

With over 200 members, the Sunapee-Ragged Kearsarge Greenway (SRKG) is a thoroughly community-based organization governed by an active board of directors which oversees trail maintenance work, a newsletter, trail guide book, 3-season hiking schedules and a website (www.srkg.com). SRKG also hosts an annual meeting with guest speaker and pot-luck supper in March of every year.

The present SRKG Newbury director is Nathan Richer. We hope to find another enthusiastic hiker to join Nate on the board. If you are interested, please contact him at 763-2127. Frank Perrotta retired in 2011 after overseeing the design of our new plastic blazes and editing the publication of the updated second edition of the SRKG Trail Guide.

During 2011, the SRKG sponsored several popular and free 3-season hikes, maintained forest trails following storms, and greatly improved blazing along the Greenway's trails with hundreds of reflective trapezoidal blazes.

The SRKG Trail enters Newbury on Haynes Road at the Northeast corner of town, travels up Baker Hill Road crossing the NH Audubon's Stoney Brook Wildlife Sanctuary to the parking area at Chalk Pond. Trail #14 traverses to Fisherfield by way of Chalk Pond before descending Old Post Road to the harbor. Another wonderful section of the SRKG is Trail #1, found off Lake View Avenue in the harbor, ascending Mt. Sunapee via the old Newport Ski/Civilian Conservation Corps fire trails (now called the Newbury Trail). Eagles Nest is a short distance up and affords views of the Harbor, while farther up the trail wonderful views of Lake Sunapee, Lake Solitude and Mt. Kearsarge may be gained before joining the Monadnock-Sunapee Greenway and Sunapee summit. The trail descends the Northwest flank of Sunapee heading toward Goshen and the historic Province Road in the town's Northwest corner.

In 2011, the state's Division of Parks and Recreation added a new digital trail map to its website, prepared by Greenway volunteers, for hiking trails in Mt. Sunapee State Park. You can find the map at:

www.nhstateparks.org/experience/hiking/trailinformation.aspx



Members of the SRKG enjoying the view from Mount Sunapee.

Photo courtesy Nathan Richer

Also during 2011, SRKG representatives met with several town board and conservation commissions, worked with the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT), the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF), the Mt. Sunapee State Park Advisory Committee, and the NH Trails Bureau. SRKG also testified before House and Senate committees on proposed legislation affecting NH trails and volunteer trail workers.

The Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition (SRKGC) was founded in 1993 as a non-profit, all volunteer organization to promote hiking and land conservation. A 75-mile hiking trail forming a loop called the SRK Greenway was built on the core building blocks of trails in four state parks, three state forests and class VI roads and extends through ten towns in our region. Much of the trail passes over private property and would not exist were it not for the generosity of many landowners.

Nathan Richer, Director

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC)

The UVLSRPC has been providing professional planning assistance to municipal boards since 1963 when it was the Upper Valley Development Council. The commission is one of nine regional planning commissions (RPCs) in New Hampshire created to coordinate all aspects of planning, act as a liaison between local and state/federal agencies and provide advisory technical assistance on land use issues and development. We serve 27 communities from Piermont to Charlestown along the Connecticut River and from Wilmot to Washington to the east.

Revenue for the commission was \$809,250 for fiscal year 2011. About 16% of last year's revenue was received through local contracts with municipalities over and above dues, demonstrating the need and value of services. Currently, 93% of the municipalities within the region are members of the commission. About 17% of commission revenue comes from the Unified Planning Work Program utilizing Federal Highway Administration funding through the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (DOT). Other state and federal funding sources include United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) funding distributed through New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through the New Hampshire Department of Safety, homeland security and emergency management. Approximately 2.5% of the commission revenue was received from state resources through the New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning (OEP).

Local dues from municipalities support just over 12% of the budget. In fiscal year 2011, member communities and counties provided membership dues that allowed the commission to leverage approximately \$520,000 in federal funding.

The commission consists of representatives appointed by the leadership of each member municipality or county. Each municipality that is a member of the commission is entitled to two representatives to the commission. Municipalities with a population of over 10,000 but less than 25,000 are entitled to have three representatives on the commission. In Newbury, Judy Healey, and Claire Vannatta currently represent your community.



Newbury Harbor
Photo courtesy Maureen Rosen

The commission was engaged in over 35 projects within the region this year and has increased its capacity to serve the communities of the region. We are currently engaged in planning for the deployment of high speed broadband through a five-year National Telecommunications & Information Administration grant in collaboration with the University of New Hampshire and the eight other RPCs in New Hampshire. A recently completed website at www.uvlsrc.org provides a database of projects that can be searched by funder, municipality, and type of project such as transportation, housing, etc. Additionally, all minutes, agendas and public meetings are posted on this website on a regular basis and communities can add their own planning-related events to our website. Please use this website to learn more about how the commission can be of service to your community.

Christine Walker, Executive Director

Veterans Memorial Committee

During 2011 the Veterans Memorial Committee presented the flags at the Center Meeting House in observance of the tenth anniversary of 9/11. In addition, the committee recognized Veteran's Day by placing a memorial wreath in front of the town offices. Other events will be planned for 2012.

As directed at the town meeting last year, a Town Center Buildings Committee was formed to make recommendations for the development of the Bald Sunapee/Camacho property which would include space for the Veterans Memorial. That study concluded that the memorial can be placed on the property without interfering with any future development. Consequently, plans for the Newbury Veterans Memorial are again submitted for the approval of residents at this 2012 town meeting.

Our committee and the board of selectmen have agreed to place the proposed memorial at the Bald Sunapee property in the area between Route 103 and the semicircular entrance/exit driveway. Donations from Newbury veterans were used to gather bids and budgets from various planning firms. The proposal submitted by New Hampton-based Pollock Land Planning, LLC, was selected. This firm has designed numerous projects including Winant Park and the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center, both in Concord. The design of the proposed Newbury memorial has been displayed at the town office.

To accomplish the basic construction, a warrant article for \$35,000 has been submitted and will appear on the March 2012 ballot for public vote. Additional funds to complete and enhance the site would be raised by providing an opportunity to purchase items such as inscribed bricks, granite blocks and benches to honor individual veterans. Any monies raised will be used to offset the cost of the memorial to the taxpayers.

The committee believes the Veterans Memorial is a meaningful way to honor the men and women who have served or are now serving in the military as well as add an attractive component to Newbury's town center.

Further information is available by contacting any committee member listed below.

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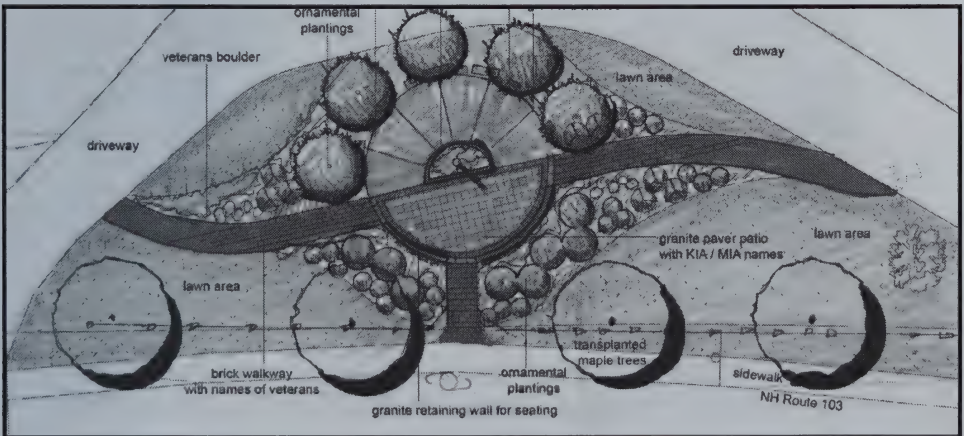
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*Bruce Barton
Veterans Memorial Committee Member*



Old Home Day

This year's annual Old Home Day arrived bright and clear and delivered on its promise to offer activities of interest for everyone. It was a day for the community of Newbury to do what it does best – celebrate the unique beauty of town life while remembering and honoring events in its past.

As enthusiasts were competing in the early morning triathlon, the farmer's market, crafters and vendors were opening their stalls for business adjacent to Velie Playground. Likewise, library volunteers were setting up their book sale while the veterans van opened its door for the day. Early morning preparations were also evident at the town office building parking lot, the safety services building, Veterans Hall and at the harbor.

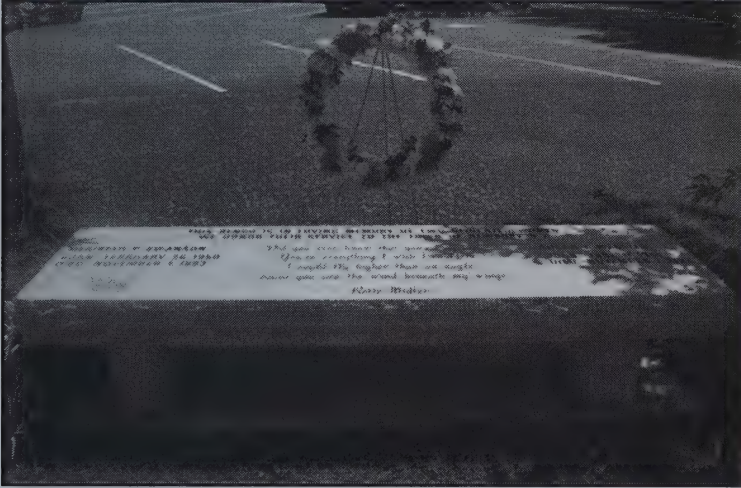


Kids really get into the pie eating contest on Old Home Day.

Photo courtesy Meg Whittemore

The day of festivities officially got underway with a heartfelt set of dedications at the town office building courtyard. The community gathered to remember two town employees - Maribeth Swanson and Susan Webster - who were killed

November 1, 1993 at the town office. The victims' families and friends joined town selectmen, personnel and residents to dedicate a granite bench in memory of the two women. The Center Meeting House bell tolled 12 times, prayers were said, a song was sung, hands were held, tears were shed and the longed-for healing began.



The dedicated bench.

Photo courtesy Meg Whittemore

A second remembrance was observed in memory of Will Willis. Selectman Richard Wright unveiled a plaque planted in the rose garden that Will created adjacent to the town office courtyard. The plaque, titled "Will's Roses", is a poignant reminder of a special man who left his mark on everyone who had the good fortune to know him.

The remainder of the day found folks from near and far enjoying the live music throughout town, meeting Abraham Lincoln and Mary Todd who made several appearances, attending the Mad Science show, taking free boat tours of the harbor, having lunch with Smokey the Bear at the safety services building or checking out a Civil War encampment. There were pie-eating contests, three-legged races and a chance to meet wild birds at the Squam Lake Nature Science Center show.



A group of girls enjoying the afternoon at Old Home Day.

Photo courtesy Tom Nowell

The highlight of the afternoon, though, was the Old Home Day Dinner - pig roast, BBQ chicken, veggie burgers, hot dogs and town administrator Dennis Pavlicek's now-famous cucumber salad. The lines started early and lasted until almost every entrée was gone. Special thanks to the Newbury Beautification Committee who served up the meals.

Evening found people at the harbor for the rubber ducky race and more live music before wrapping up the day with a wonderful fireworks display over Lake Sunapee.

Old Home Day takes months of preparation and hundreds of volunteer hours. A special thank-you goes to Dennis Pavlicek, Donna Long, administrative assistant, Travis Dezotell, parks and recreation director, Wayne Whitford, Cheryl Foggwill, Mary Thayer, the highway department, the fire department, the police department, the Center Meeting House, the Newbury Beautification Committee, the Old Home Day Committee and the host of volunteers who worked together to make the day memorable for everyone.

*Meg Whittemore
Old Home Day Committee Member*

Docks Committee

At the 2011 town meeting a warrant article was presented to expand the Newbury Harbor docks. The outcome of that warrant article was that two major questions/concerns were raised: Was a study done to determine if there was need? Was swimmer safety truly addressed by this proposal?

A Docks Committee was formed following the annual meeting. The committee was comprised of residents and consultants from the area. The charge of the committee was to answer the above questions and, if deemed necessary, present an alternative proposal at the next town meeting.

A comprehensive survey was conducted. As you will see, residents and non-residents, as well as boaters and non-boaters, were all polled. The consensus of the group was that the data confirmed the need for dock expansion.

After much discussion, an alternative plan was developed. However, it was not approved by NH Department of Environmental Services (DES). The committee is bringing forward the DES approved plan, which has fewer boat slips adjacent to the existing swim area. We believe this improves swimmer safety and is more conducive to boat usage. This plan and warrant article will be presented at the annual meeting on Wednesday, March 14, 2012.

There were 68 total respondents in the survey. Of this total, 51% reside in Newbury (35 total), versus 49% residing elsewhere (33 total). Fifty-six percent (56%) of respondents report that they own a boat (37 total), versus 44% non-boat owners (29 total participants). Findings from the 2011 survey were as followed:

- 97% of all boat owners surveyed report that they do not feel there are enough slips in Newbury Harbor.

- 93% of boat owners surveyed who reside in Newbury report that they do not feel there are enough slips in Newbury Harbor (14 out of 15 individuals).
- 71% of all boat owners state that the number of slips in Newbury Harbor has affected their decision to come to Newbury Harbor.
- 97% of all boat owners state that they would be more likely to come to Newbury Harbor if there was an increase in the number of slips.
- 63% of individuals surveyed report that they came to Newbury Harbor more than once per week in the summer months.
- 57% of individuals surveyed state that they sunbathe at Newbury Harbor one or more times per week.
- 74% of Newbury residents surveyed state that they sunbathe at Newbury Harbor one or more times per week.
- 86% of Newbury residents surveyed report that they bring children to Newbury Harbor to swim and play.

Gary Budd, Committee Chair



A typical day at the dock in Newbury Harbor.

Photo courtesy Maureen Rosen

APPROVED DOCKAGE:

Lake Sunapee
Full Lake 1093.15

BOATHOUSE

See Notes and Letter
Concerning the
Surveyors Regarding
This Boundary Extension

Concrete Piers
(not mapped)

Dock
(not mapped)

Newbury
Station
Boat Club

STATION
HOUSE

BEACH

Fence

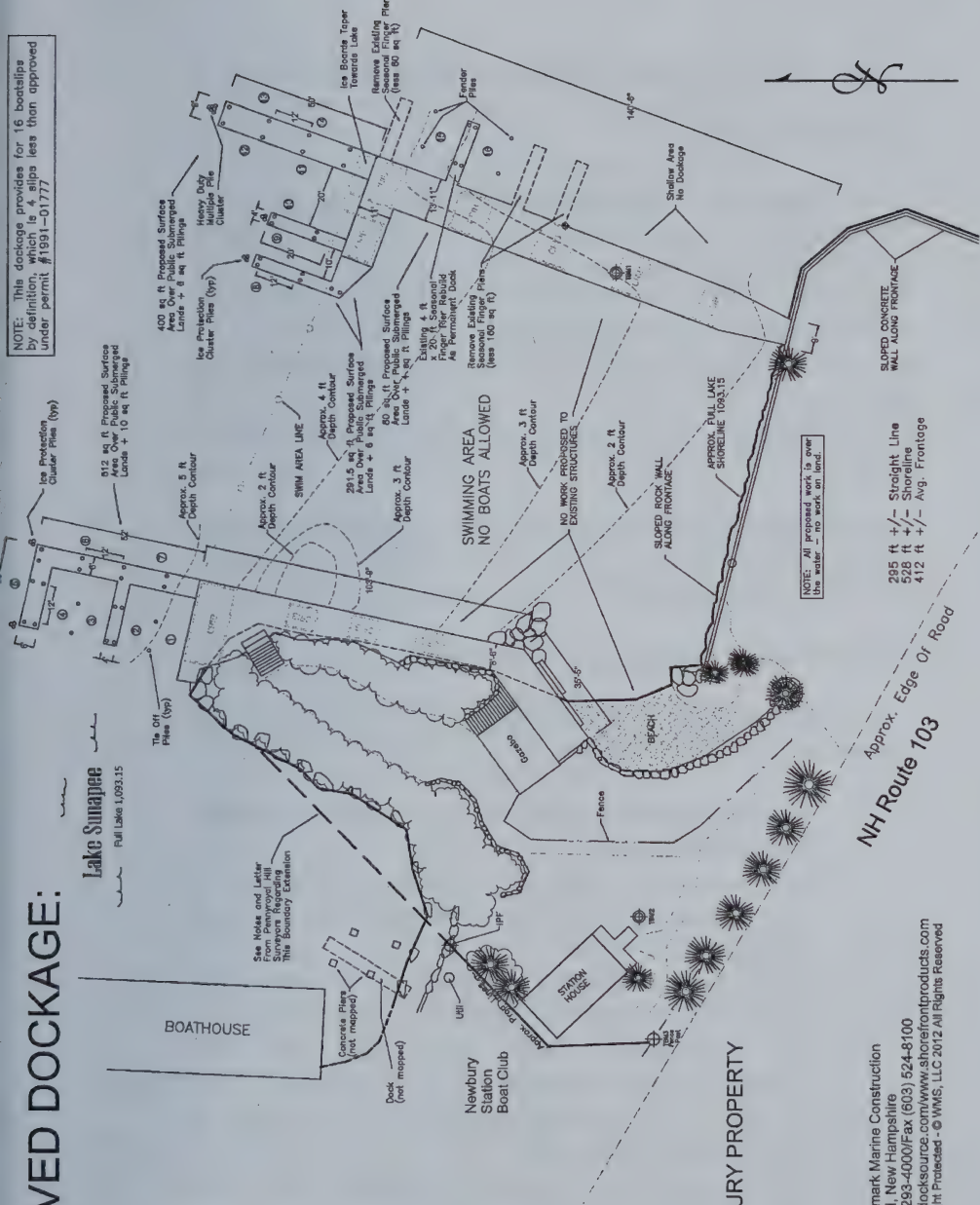
NH Route 103
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NOTE: This dockage provides for 16 boat slips
under permit #1991-01777



NOTE: All proposed work is over
the water - no work on land.

295 ft +/- Straight Line
528 ft +/- Shoreline
412 ft +/- Avg. Frontage

Town Center Buildings Committee

INTRODUCTION

At the March 2011 town meeting in Newbury NH, a plan for a Veterans Memorial was presented to the voters of Newbury. The proposed location was on town-owned land commonly known as the Bald Sunapee/Camacho property adjacent to the existing library. Although there was general support for the construction of a Veterans Memorial, there was concern that the location of the memorial on the parcel could possibly hinder future development on the site, particularly the potential construction of new fire and police facilities.

In an effort to address the concerns of the voters, the selectmen formed the Newbury Town Center Buildings Committee (TCBC) which met regularly beginning in May of 2011.

COMMITTEE CHARGE AND MAKEUP

The following charge was developed by the selectmen and served as a framework to guide the committee's efforts:

- To recommend an appropriate place for the proposed Veterans Memorial.
- To recommend if fire and police stations should be two separate buildings or a combined safety services building.
- To recommend the best place for the location of fire and police stations.
- To recommend other uses for the Bald Sunapee/Camacho property.
- To discuss the possible expansion of the library or miscellaneous buildings.
- To recommend the best building size and space needs for fire and police stations.
- To work with staff and consultant to determine building placement options and estimated costs for review at the 2012 town meeting.

- To give the minutes of all meetings within six (6) days to the town administrator for posting on the town website.
- To report monthly to the board of selectmen.
- To hold a public hearing prior to September 1, 2011 for review and comments by town residents.
- To submit a written report to the board of selectmen no later than October 15, 2011.
- To have the board of selectmen hold a public hearing prior to November 1, 2011 for comments by residents.

The committee consisted of the following voting and non-voting participants:

- Bruce Healey, chair, businessman, planning board representative
- Patricia Sherman, member, AIA architect, library trustee
- Hal Krueger, member, veterans representative
- Ken Holmes, member, fireman, businessman
- Wayne Whitford, member, fireman, businessman
- Clay Rucker, member, businessman
- Jim Powell, member, select board member
- Dennis Pavlicek, ex-officio, town administrator
- Henry Thomas, ex-officio, fire chief
- Bob Lee, ex-officio, police chief
- Dick Wright, ex-officio, select board member
- Peter Tennant, consultant, AIA architect
- Meg Whittemore, recording secretary

EXISTING CONDITIONS

The TCBC investigated the following existing parcels and buildings:

- The existing Newbury fire and police station and the land parcel that the building is located on.
- The Bald Sunapee/Camacho property.

The existing Newbury fire and police station is a wood-framed building approximately 6,400 square feet in size. The fire station uses approximately 5,000 square feet and the police station uses approximately 1,400 square feet. There are multiple areas of concern regarding the existing safety services building including:

- The size allotted to the fire department is inadequate for today's needs.
- The size allotted to the police department is inadequate for today's needs.
- The present building is no longer up to current code requirements in the following areas:
 - Structural capacity
 - Electrical systems
 - Heating and ventilating systems
 - Energy conservation requirements
- There is inadequate storage space in both the police and fire departments for handling equipment and apparatus presently used on an ongoing basis.
- The existing police department layout is (aside from being too small) inefficient for the operations of the department.
- The existing police department layout presents areas of concern for the secure handling and storage of evidence and data, and affording privacy in the police officers' work areas.
- The existing fire department ceiling is too low for the needs of today's equipment.
- The existing fire department truck bay doors are too small for the needs of today's equipment.
- There are inadequate space/facilities in the fire department to address the cleaning and maintenance of today's emergency response equipment.
- There is inadequate turning space for fire department apparatus in front of the bay doors, necessitating maneuvering and backing up on Route 103 in a potentially dangerous manner.

- There is inadequate on-site parking.

The Newbury fire and police station is currently located on a parcel of land at the intersection of Route 103 and Route 103A. The buildable portion of the parcel is relatively flat with embankments dropping down to abutting water bodies to the southeast and southwest. With the existing building and the parking lot, the parcel is fully developed.

The Bald Sunapee/Camacho property on Route 103 is a land parcel that consists of two contiguous properties purchased by the town of Newbury. There are wetlands on the site that have been mapped and located. A playground has been developed on the site. The present town library abuts the site to the northwest. The majority of the Bald Sunapee/Camacho property parcel is flat. The Camacho parcel, which is the east-most parcel, has some flat area along Route 103. However, more than three quarters of the Camacho parcel is a hill, rising approximately 40 feet above street level.

PROJECTED SPACE NEEDS

One of the first tasks of the committee was to determine an appropriate size of both a new fire station and a new police station. Staff from both departments was consulted and the committee analyzed, modified and finalized department recommendations into a list of space needs. The projected space “needs” assume that the new safety services facilities should address the needs of the town of Newbury for the next 20 to 30 years. In addition, the space “needs” served as the basis for the conceptual site layouts for the fire station and the police station that were generated by the committee.

The projected space “needs” for the fire department and the police department are as follows:

Fire Department

<u>Individual Space</u>	<u>Suggested Square Footage</u>
Truck Bay 1	864 s.f.
Truck Bay 2	864 s.f.
Truck Bay 3	864 s.f.
Truck Bay 4	864 s.f.
Truck Bay 5	864 s.f.
Bay Aisle	224 s.f.
Lobby	64 s.f.
Communication/Reception	96 s.f.
Chief's Office	120 s.f.
Admin. Office	128 s.f.
Medical Storage	96 s.f.
Bathrooms	360 s.f.
Washer	64 s.f.
Storage	600 s.f.
Self Cont. Breathing App.	80 s.f.
Kitchen	256 s.f.
Gear Racks	250 s.f.
Meeting Room	800 s.f.
Decontamination Area	36 s.f.
Deputy Office	96 s.f.
Officers Area	128 s.f.
 Subtotal	 7,718 s.f.
Circulation/Walls/Etc.	738 s.f.
 TOTAL	 8,456 s.f.

Police Department

<u>Individual Space</u>	<u>Suggested Square Footage</u>
Entry Lobby	70 s.f.
Reception/Admin. Assistant	120 s.f.
Records	81 s.f.
Bath/Shower/Locker	250 s.f.
Evidence Storage	158 s.f.
Equipment Storage	93 s.f.
Supply Storage	35 s.f.
Officer's Work Area	420 s.f.
Chief's Office/Conference Room	200 s.f.
Data Closet	50 s.f.
Booking/Processing	66 s.f.
Archive Storage	80 s.f.
Meeting/Training Room	250 s.f.
Break Room	124 s.f.
Interview Room	48 s.f.
Reporting Office/Duty Officer	90 s.f.
Sally port	640 s.f.
Subtotal	2,775 s.f.
Circulation/Walls/Etc.	705 s.f.
Total	3,480 s.f.

Combining Fire and Police Departments into One New Safety Complex

The fire and police departments must be able to operate independently from one another for privacy, security and safety reasons. This is necessary if they are in stand-alone buildings or if they are combined into one structure. If the fire and police departments are to be combined into one facility, it was the police chief's opinion that the only space that would be eliminated is the police department's meeting/training room since the police department could use the fire department's meeting room for the same purpose. Eliminating this space and adding the other spaces together results in a total building size of approximately 11,500 square feet. Additionally, there was concern that the size of a combined fire and police building structure would not fit well (architecturally) with other town center buildings.

Other Land Use Needs Considered

Parking

The following parking requirements were used as a basis for design:

Fire Department	20 parking spaces
Police Department	5 parking spaces
Playground	12 parking spaces

Veterans Memorial

The design of the Veterans Memorial as presented by the Veteran's Memorial Committee at the March 2011 Newbury town meeting was modified by the

committee's work but largely preserved. Further, it was determined that a single well-situated location for the memorial on the Bald Sunapee/Camacho property would work in all three TCBC land use approaches. However, the Veteran's Memorial site dimensions were significantly reduced to fit the available land area. The reduction in the size of the land area dedicated to the Veterans Memorial was acceptable to the Veterans Memorial design committee.

Library Expansion

Although specific space needs for a possible expansion of the existing library were not generated, library expansion in general was addressed. The ability to expand the library in the future is provided in all three land use approaches produced by the committee.

CONCEPT DESIGN AND PROPOSED LOCATION OF THE VETERANS MEMORIAL

Numerous design options were explored and were narrowed down to three general approaches as follows:

- **Approach A** – A new police station, 3,480 square feet in size, and a new fire station, 8,456 square feet in size. Both of these facilities would be located on the Bald Sunapee/Camacho property.
- **Approach B** – A new police station, 3,480 square feet in size, located at the existing police/fire station site; and a new fire station, 8,456 square feet in size, located on the Bald Sunapee/Camacho property.
- **Approach C** – A new fire station, 8,456 square feet in size, located at the existing police/fire station site. A new police station, 3,480 square feet in size, located on the Bald Sunapee/Camacho property.

Since the charge to the committee was to research and present a land use study, proposing a final building design was beyond the scope of this report. Final interior wall and space layouts, as well as final building exterior design will occur when the residents of Newbury determine that it is appropriate to do so.

However, certain design features/assumptions were developed to assist in the committee's land use planning as follows:

- That the fire station has five single door bays with adequate length to hold more than one piece of equipment per bay.
- That the police station has a functioning drive-through sally port that will allow safe transfer of individuals to and from a cruiser into the station.
- That all of the three proposed approaches have approximately 100 feet adjacent to the existing library left undeveloped to allow for future expansion of the library.
- That the wetlands are not disturbed by any of the three proposed approaches.

On October 20, 2011 several members of the Veterans Memorial Committee attended a TCBC meeting where the three proposed approaches were presented in preliminary form. This was done to develop an acceptable location of the proposed Veterans Memorial. The Town Center Buildings Committee and the Veterans Committee worked together to explore different locations for the Veterans Memorial. The conclusion was that a smaller-sized Veterans Memorial would fit well on the Bald Sunapee/Camacho site and would be placed at the same location on the site for all three of the proposed approaches.

Additionally, the Veterans Memorial can be constructed either before, during, or after other site development occurs.

CONCEPTUAL SITE LAYOUTS WITH PROS AND CONS OF EACH

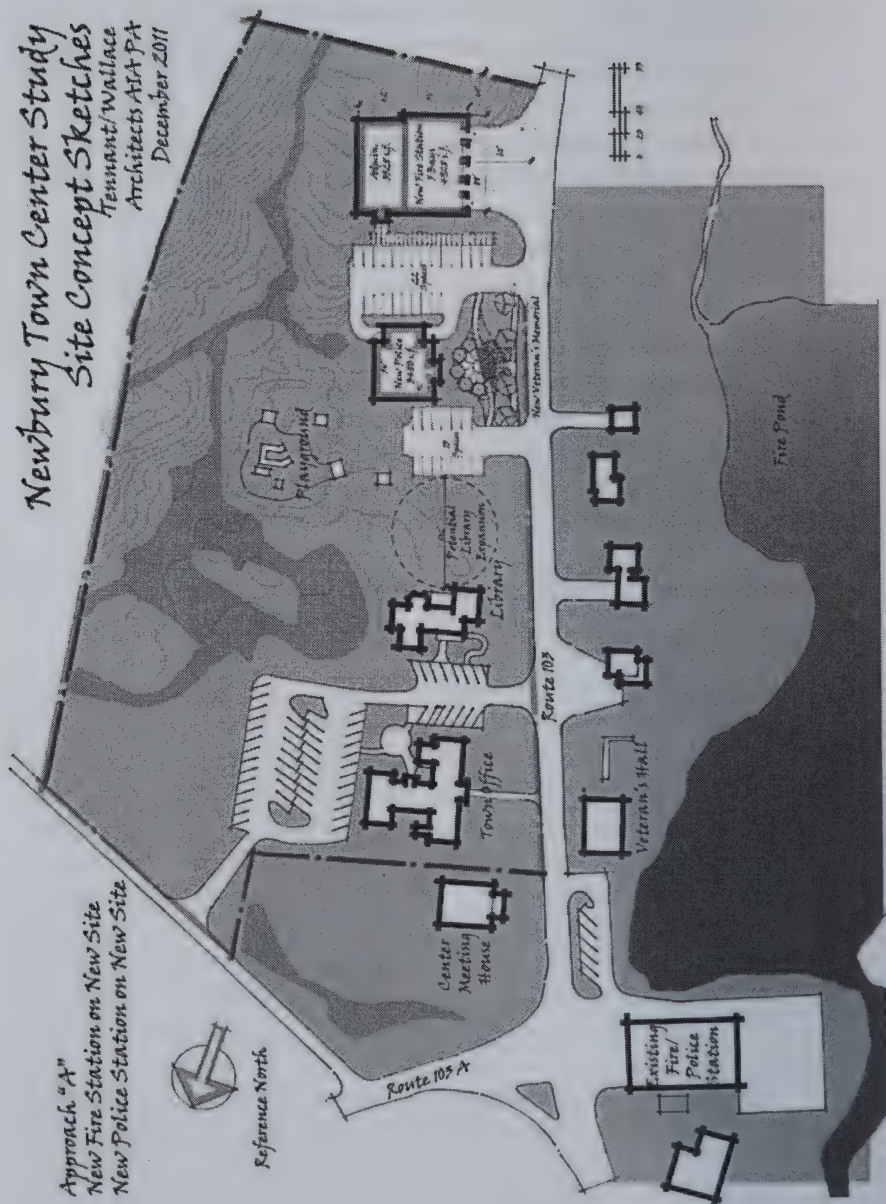
After developing space needs, initial designs, and meeting with members of the Veterans Memorial Committee, three conceptual site layouts (approaches) were developed. Each approach has strengths and weaknesses and the TCBC made a concerted effort to document these. (Please note that there is no “perfect” Approach. The pros and cons to each Approach represent a variety of sometimes differing opinions by individual committee members. The committee went to great lengths to optimize each design in light of the constraints presented at each site.)

Following are the three approaches and the pros and cons of each.

Newbury Town Center Study Site Concept Sketches

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Architects AIA PA

December 2011



Approach A

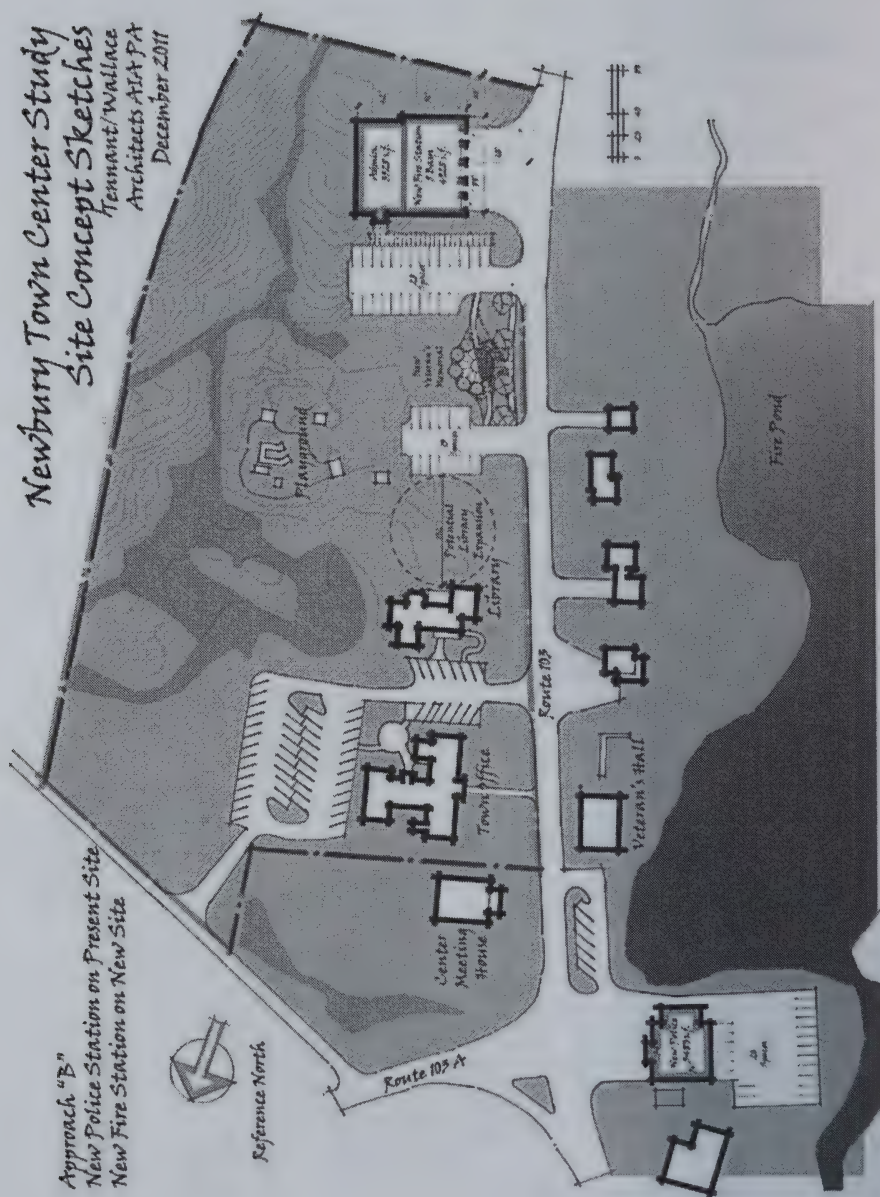
Pros

- Allows for future fire department building expansion
- Creates a nice looking town center
- Locates all town buildings on one site - shared utilities
- May use current fire department / police department site for other town uses
- Provides ample parking
- Offers best approach for meeting fire department and police department needs and fire department traffic flow
- Presents easiest new buildings phase-in

Cons

- Requires significant costs for site work
- Presents a very busy/crowded site with little green space
- Positions the fire department close to the playground
- Required curb cuts are challenging
- Presents visual discord with fire department building dominating site
- Presents proximity to residential homes
- Leaves empty fire department/police department building that may require demolition

Newbury Town Center Study Site Concept Sketches Tennant/Wallace Architects AIA PA December 2011



Approach B

Pros

- Presents best approach for meeting fire department/police department needs and fire department traffic flow
- Allows maximum future expansion space for fire department and police department
- Leaves open space & greenery on Bald Sunapee/Camacho site - not crowded
- Allows for plenty of parking on both sites
- Positions Veterans Memorial comfortably on site
- Fits nicely - smaller building on smaller site and vice versa
- Fire department not located at Route 103/103A intersection

Cons

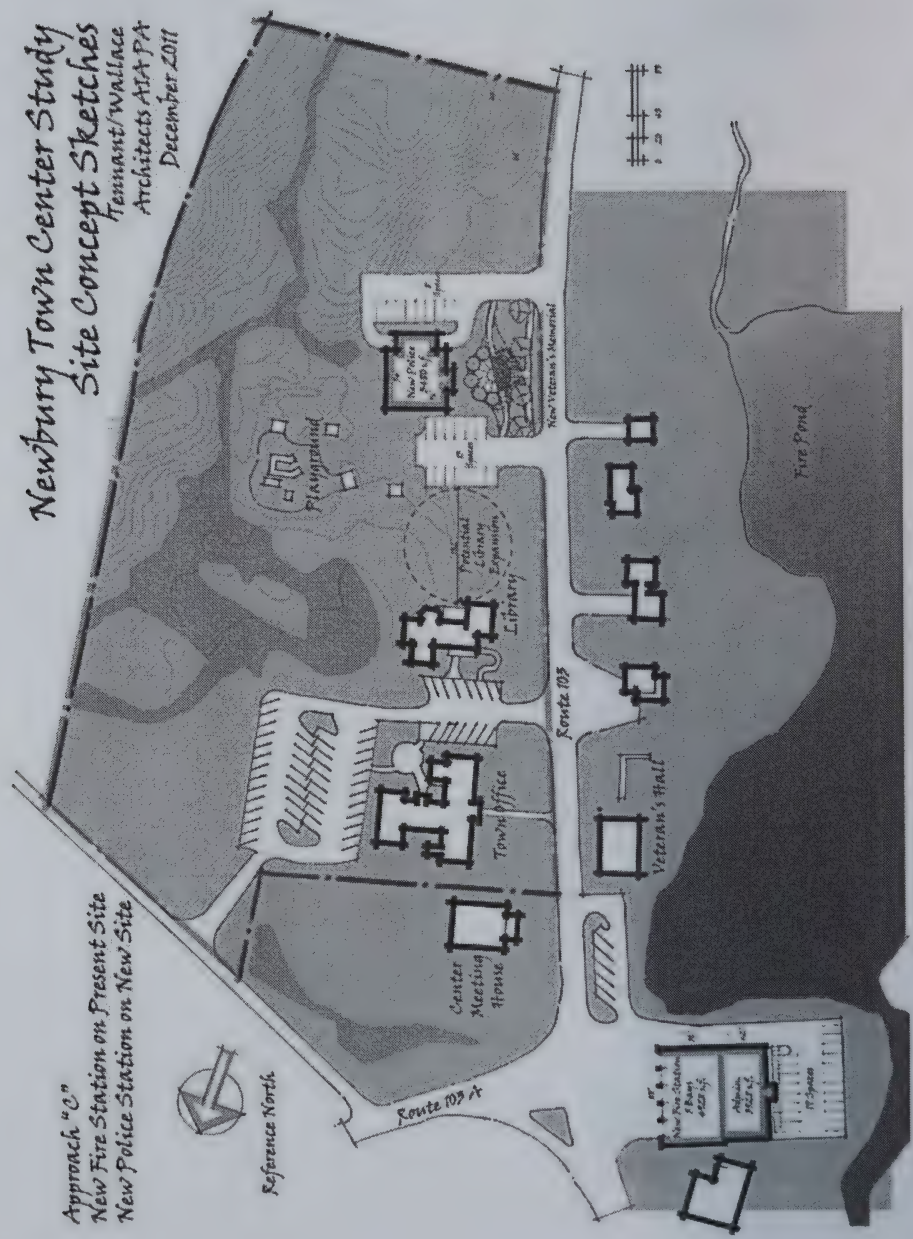
- Requires significant site work
- Positions fire department close to playground and residential homes
- Requires building demolition costs
- Results in fire department building dominating the site
- Will require temporary police station
- Required curb cuts are challenging
- Land use not optimal

Newbury Town Center Study Site Concept Sketches Tennant/Wallace Architects ASA PA December 2011

Approach "C"
 New Fire Station on Present Site
 New Police Station on New Site



Reference North



Approach C

Pros

- Presents less crowded/more park-like/least impact on Bald Sunapee/Camacho site
- Presents least amount of site work
- Offers favorable development/building costs if police department is priority
- Leaves fire department building in best location - safety concerns if on Bald Sunapee/Camacho
- Positions Veterans Memorial and police department in complementary setting
- Presents pleasing building appearance at both Bald Sunapee/Camacho and current site
- Meets fire department and police department building needs for foreseeable future

Cons

- Relocation of fire department during new building construction
- Future fire department building expansion
- Limits fire department sight distance/traffic flow/turning radius
- Requires demolition costs
- Limits parking for fire department to 19 spaces
- Large building footprint at Route 103/103A intersection
- Requires emergency access on Route 103 from two locations

PUBLIC MEETING AND FEEDBACK

On November 12, 2011 the Town Center Buildings Committee (TCBC) hosted a “Public TCBC Land Use Concepts Meeting” to solicit feedback and opinions from Newbury residents regarding work done to date by the committee. The turnout was exceptional and participation by the public was outstanding. At the end of the meeting, those present were given a ballot and asked to vote on which approach they favored. The result of the voting is as follows:

- Approach A – 27 votes
- Approach B – 28 votes
- Approach C – 28 votes

In addition to the above votes, numerous suggestions were offered by the public during the meeting concerning alternative considerations for the land use on the two sites under examination (Bald Sunapee/Camacho and the existing site of the current safety services building).

Following is a sample of the public’s suggestions:

- Place the Veterans Memorial behind the police department on the current site by the fire pond.
- Does a larger fire department match the proposed build-out for downtown Newbury?
- Combine the Veterans Memorial with the Veterans Hall which would allow more parking for Approach B.
- Place the Veterans Memorial in front of the town hall which would open up more flat space at Bald Sunapee/Camacho site. The fire department could then be moved further away from the hill and it would increase parking space, too.
- Redesign the Veterans Memorial to fit in with town hall.
- Place the Veterans Memorial on the corner of the Center Meeting House or (in Approach “C”) to the

right of the fire department. The Memorial could also be located at Fisherfield Park.

- Consider a two-story police department with a smaller footprint.
- Leave the hillside on the Bald Sunapee/Camacho site open for future development.
- Combine the police department and fire department in one building.
- Consider the buildings in South Newbury that are not being used as possible locations for the police and fire departments.
- The first consideration for future development should be the fire department since it must function in the face of all disasters.
- Take the safety services current site and make it a park overlooking the fire pond. This would add parking to the downtown area.
- Develop an overall concept to address the beauty of downtown and the parking challenges.
- If the safety services current site becomes a park, the Veterans Memorial could be placed in front of the park at that location.
- Develop an approach that will result in the least disturbance possible to the Bald Sunapee/Camacho property.
- Combine Approach C with creating a park at the safety services current site and placing the Veterans Memorial in front of town hall.
- Consider the state shed that has been closed by the state as a possible site.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

On December 1, 2011 the TCBC met to select one approach as the preferred option in order to make a recommendation to the selectmen as requested in the original committee charge. A vote took place and the results were as follows:

- Approach A – 4 votes
- Approach B – 1 vote
- Approach C – 2 votes

The results of the committee vote did have a clear majority opinion (Approach A) whereas there was nearly a three-way tie from the November 12, 2011 public meeting vote. However, the committee did not achieve a unanimous consensus.

Although all voting committee members selected a preferred Approach, several committee members stated that making a recommendation of final fire and police station locations was premature in light of the timeframe of potential site development.

It was felt that the needs and priorities of the town of Newbury 2012 may be significantly different than the needs and priorities of the town in several years, and this appears to be the soonest that actual construction of one or both buildings will occur.

With this in mind, it was felt that it should be recognized that changes may occur which could indicate that an approach other than the “recommended” Approach A could be possible - and desirable - in the future.

SUMMARY IN RELATION TO ORIGINAL COMMITTEE CHARGE

In response to the selectmen’s original charge (see COMMITTEE CHARGE AND MAKEUP) the committee offers the following:

The proposed position of the Veterans Memorial indicated in Approaches A, B and C is a logical and appropriate location. Further, the proposed location of the Veterans Memorial allows for reasonable site development including the

possibility of both stand-alone fire and police department buildings on the site in the future.

The combining of fire and police stations into one facility does not represent a logical approach at this time for the following reasons:

- There is only a very small reduction of square footage required to be built as each department must be able to function independently even if they are housed in the same facility. Therefore there does not appear to be a significant economic advantage to combining the facilities.
- If both fire and police are in one building the building would be a fairly large single structure that may have an inappropriate scale for the center of Newbury. In addition, the larger structure would be more difficult to place on the Bald Sunapee/Camacho site, and would not fit on the existing fire/police site with adequate parking.
- Expansion of either the fire or police departments individually at a future time becomes more difficult when the facilities are combined.
- Combining the facilities requires that the construction of both the fire and police department occur simultaneously and all funds for both projects must be raised at the same time.

At this time, a majority of the committee feels the best location of the fire and police stations is as represented in Approach A with both a new fire station and a new police station on the Bald Sunapee/Camacho site. However, this may undergo significant revisions when actual construction occurs due to opportunities/constraints presently unknown that may arise in the future.

The placing of a new Veterans Memorial, a new fire station, and a new police station on the Bald Sunapee/Camacho site is an appropriate and workable use of the property and should be anticipated before other uses are explored for that parcel.

Additionally, a new Veterans Memorial, a new fire station, and a new police station may be placed on the Bald Sunapee/Camacho site in such a manner so as to allow adequate room for future library expansion.

Based on today's need, and the projected needs for the next 20 to 30 years, the sizes and spaces indicated in "PROJECTED SPACE NEEDS" represent appropriate planning guidelines for future development of new police and fire stations for the town of Newbury.

The conceptual layouts (approaches) developed for this study will serve as an invaluable starting point for future full design of Newbury's fire and police departments. Because these facilities will be fully designed and built a minimum of several years from now, specific cost estimating cannot be done in a reasonably accurate manner at this time. However, all three Approaches represent the exact same square footage of new construction and it is reasonable to assume that the construction costs of Approach A, B, or C would all be within a few percentage points of each other. (Additional site work required for Approach A is largely offset by demolition and existing fire and police site development costs associated with Approaches B and C.)

Bruce Healey, Chair

Town of Newbury, NH
Annual Town Meeting
March 8, 2011

Moderator Marashio called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. The ballot boxes were examined and confirmed to be empty.

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2: To vote on amendments to the existing zoning ordinance.

Voting on Article 1 and Article 1 of the town warrant began.

The town recessed the business portion of the meeting until Wednesday, March, 9, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at the Mount Sunapee Spruce Lodge – second floor – off Route 103 in Newbury.

Business Meeting – Wednesday, March 9, 2011

Moderator Marashio called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and announced the results of the March 8, 2011 election.

Office of Selectman:	James Powell – 200
Treasurer:	Jennifer Goin – 17
Trustee of Trust Funds:	Dan Wolf – 8
Library Trustee:	Patricia Sherman – 241
Supervisor of the Checklist	Suzanne Russell – 226
Cemetery Trustee	Charles Kennedy – 16
Planning Board	J. “Ron” Williams – 144
Planning Board	Russell Smith – 142
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Barbara Richmond – 32
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Suzanne Russell – 37
Zoning Amendment 1	Yes – 198 No – 67
Zoning Amendment 2	Yes – 216 No – 49
Zoning Amendment 3	Yes – 217 No – 42
Zoning Amendment 4	Yes – 195 No – 57

Zoning Amendment 5	Yes – 209	No – 44
Zoning Amendment 6	Yes – 224	No – 35
Zoning Amendment 7	Yes – 219	No – 36
Zoning Amendment 8	Yes – 219	No – 36
Kearsarge Reg. School Moderator	Several write-ins<10	
Municipal Budget Committee	Marnee Saltalamacchia – 204	

Question 1

Newbury:	A – 112	B – 151
District:	A – 1162	B – 1805

Question 2

Newbury:	Yes – 164	No – 107
District:	Yes – 1963	No – 1054

Question 3

Newbury:	Yes – 171	No – 97
District:	Yes – 1975	No – 1034

Question 4

Newbury:	Yes – 115	No – 148
District:	Yes – 1500	No – 1365

Question 5

Newbury:	Yes – 119	No – 154
District:	Yes – 1436	No – 1571

Selectman Powell thanked the Newbury Beautification Committee for their work in coordinating and providing the ham and bean dinner prior to the meeting.

The board of selectmen presented proclamations to express deep appreciation to a contributor always willing to go the extra mile to be adopted by the board of selectmen and entered in the town meeting minutes of March 9, 2011 for Doris Diekmann received by Paul Diekmann, Richard Cole received by Helen Wright on behalf of the Cole family, Harold Newell received by Doris Newell and David Thayer received by Mary Thayer.

The board of selectmen also presented a resolution to honor the highway department for their dedication and hard work received by Cal Prussman, highway administrator on behalf of the highway department.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,280,843 for general operations:

ANNUAL BUDGET

Executive	\$187,371
Elections	4,381
Financial Administration	458,214
Legal Expenses	23,000
Personnel Administration	4,150
Planning	50,497
Zoning	15,252
General Government Building	53,725
Cemeteries	25,250
Insurance	62,185
Other General Government	13,300
Police Department	474,399
Fire Department	168,120
Forest Fire	1,048
Code Enforcement	30,020
Emergency Management	4,263
Highway Maintenance	569,833
Highway Reconstruction	195,000
Street Lighting	14,500
Transfer Station	293,569
Health Agencies	33,985
Welfare	22,769
Information Booth	6,339
Parks & Recreation	83,737
Library	98,308
Conservation Commission	1,970
Historical Society	1,000
Tax anticipation Notes	100
Sewer Department	158,700
Bond/Note Principal	165,000
Bond/Note Interest	32,500
Safety Communication Services	28,358
Capital Outlay	0
TOTAL	\$3,280,843

Motion to adopt Article 3 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Selectman Powell explained that last year the town ended the fiscal year \$50,000 under budget, which goes into the general fund to offset property taxes. The Department of Revenue recommends to have 5% - 10% of the annual budget available in the checking account for emergencies, and Newbury tries to keep it at 7%. This year, the budget takes into consideration fuel costs for heat and transportation.

Selectman Powell addressed the increases and decreases of each line item. Police chief Lee explained the increases in the police budget, fire chief Thomas explained the increases in the fire department budget, Cal Prussman, highway administrator explained the increases in the highway department budget.

Colin Nelson asked for clarification why the capital outlay in the town report is different than what is indicated in Article 3.

Mr. Pavlicek, town administrator, explained Article 6 and Article 9 add up to the amount of capital outlay indicated in the town report.

No further discussion.

VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 3 was adopted as read.

Linda Powell made a motion to move the ballot vote articles ahead of Article 4 in the interest of time. Motion was seconded. No discussion followed.

VOTE: All in favor.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 to erect a Veterans Memorial.

Motion to adopt Article 6 was made and seconded. Discussion

followed.

Paul Hague, Veteran's Memorial Committee chair introduced Eric Buck, landscape architect to present the plans for the memorial. Mr. Buck explained that the goals of the memorial were to create a dignified and respectful memorial with a cohesive plan to honor veterans of each of the branches of the military. He presented the plan for the memorial proposed to be located at the property formerly known as the Bald Sunapee Garden Center. The proposed plan would consist of low maintenance-vegetation and utilize some of the existing plantings, so maintenance would be minimal.

Susan Crickman commended the plan and the efforts of the committee but expressed concern with the proposed location of the memorial. She stated that she thought the town was considering the Bald Sunapee site for expansion of safety services. Additionally, this plan appears to cut up a valuable piece of land for a small Memorial that could be placed in another location that would not be restrictive.

Police chief Lee commented that there has been a lot of discussion about the Bald Sunapee site. He stated that in his view this memorial would have no effect on the traffic flow going into or out of that site using the existing driveway and the landscaping of the memorial would enhance the view of any potential safety services building.

Wayne Seaholm commented that he thought the plan was an excellent plan. He stated that he remembered discussion from last years' town meeting that consideration was being given to razing the existing Veteran's Hall and replacing it with the memorial. He commented that he does not see how the town can vote to commit the front lawn of the Bald Sunapee site to a memorial when there is no layout of the entire site with or without provision for a new safety services building.

Selectman Wright stated that the Veteran's Hall is addressed later in the warrant. He reiterated that this plan should not

have any impact on any new plans for a safety services building. A site plan for the Bald Sunapee property is in preliminary stages. It is not a given that the Veteran's Hall will be taken down.

Patricia Sherman stated that in 2008 the town paid \$20,000 for a comprehensive study of the town center. There were public meetings held with the board of selectmen which resulted in a master plan for the Bald Sunapee property that showed the potential for a fire station, police station, expansion of the library and a memorial site. That report seems to have disappeared. According to the study, the loop road is not wide enough to accommodate incoming and outgoing traffic for the playground, library and safety services. The proposed memorial reduces the ability to use the road frontage along Route 103, thereby combining emergency traffic with non-emergency traffic. The back land is very wet and not good for building development. The only dry land is in the front along Route 103.

Selectman Wright commented that at this point, the selectmen are looking at potentially a different plan. The 2008 study is still in the possession of the selectmen. The Bald Sunapee site is too small to accommodate both a fire and police station, feasibility studies are in the preliminary stages. The board of selectmen feels the best move for the town is to move the police station to the Bald Sunapee site and renovate the existing fire station to remain a fire station. The board of selectmen does not see a problem with the Veteran's Memorial in its proposed location.

Mr. Hague stated that one of the things the committee asked the architect to do is to design a space and not interfere with other potential uses. The property will still be available for use in addition to memorial purposes.

Ms. Sherman commented that the location of the memorial will substantially reduce the use of the Bald Sunapee site, thereby reducing its value to the town.

Paulette Lowe stated that her husband is a veteran and received a letter from the committee indicating that the funds for this memorial will come from gifts, so why is the town being asked to provide \$35,000. Also, she asked what is the committee's plan for updating the names of veterans and is residency a requirement for the addition of a veteran's name.

Mr. Hague stated that the memorial will be open to any veteran or family of a veteran who wishes to purchase a brick, bench, granite slab, etc. Bricks can be added at any time with a donation in the amount of the cost of the brick plus a little extra to fund the purchase of new flags and plantings as necessary. Any excess funds will go to the general fund to offset property taxes.

June Fichter commented that the memorial design is lovely, but the location is a concern. In order to spend the money to put it in, the town needs to be absolutely sure it won't have to be uprooted and moved in the future.

Selectman Powell stated that the board of selectmen feel this memorial will not impede any future uses of the Bald Sunapee site. Guarantee, no. Best judgment, yes.

Dan Wolf asked if the proposed plan is with or without the existing dirt road, or is there to be an expansion of the existing driveway.

Mr. Buck stated that the entrance to the memorial is from within the existing grassed area.

Mr. Wolf asked where the money will come from to pay for the maintenance costs.

Selectman Wright stated that the maintenance costs will probably fall into the mowing account for the town buildings. That grass is already being mowed and would actually be less grass to mow if the memorial goes in.

Mr. Wolf pointed out that no one knows what will be done with the remainder of the land at that site. He apologized to the Veteran's Memorial committee and the veterans for stating that this memorial should be put off until the town accepts a comprehensive plan for that site.

Mr. Seaholm commented that he would be happy to support the proposed memorial at the existing Veteran's Hall site, but not at the Bald Sunapee site.

Ken Holmes advised that under the Best Practices Guidelines for fire departments, the existing location of the fire station is not adequate and a new site is needed for the fire station. The Bald Sunapee site could be under consideration for a new fire station. He stated that until the town decides on a comprehensive town center plan, he cannot support the memorial at the Bald Sunapee site.

Albert Bachelder commented that the proposed plan is a wonderful plan, but without knowing the future use of the Bald Sunapee site, it is too soon to place the memorial there.

Mr. Bachelder made a motion to place Article 6 in abeyance for one year. Dick Surrence seconded the motion.

Discussion on the motion continued.

Susan Azodi asked for clarification regarding the proposed motion for abeyance. Was the proposed motion to place the plan for the memorial in abeyance for one year or to place the memorial in abeyance until there is a comprehensive plan for the Bald Sunapee site?

Moderator Marashio clarified that the motion came forth in writing to place Article 6 in abeyance for one year.

VOTE: Majority in favor. Motion to abey for one year passed.

Steve Winter asked a parliamentary question: Will Article 6 automatically come back to town meeting on the 2012 Warrant or does the article need to be brought forth by the petitioner(s).

Moderator Marashio explained that Article 6 will need to come back to the town as a warrant article initiated by the people who support it.

VOTE: Majority in favor. Motion to abey for one year passed.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,250 for the renovation and expansion of the Newbury Harbor dock and to authorize the withdrawal of \$85,250 from the docks expendable trust fund. (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Motion to adopt Article 9 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Selectman Budd explained that a few years ago the board of selectmen considered expanding the town dock. Since then, money has been put aside in an expendable trust fund. This plan is the most viable. It would provide 16 total slips and has been approved by the Wetlands Board. It would provide option use for NH Marine Patrol, optional use for the Newbury fire boat and would be constructed with heavier piers at the end for optional use for the MV Mount Sunapee. The owners of the MV Mount Sunapee have expressed interest in moving its docking station from Sunapee Harbor to Newbury Harbor. These optional uses described are just examples of what could be done. Consideration was also given to safety issues for swimmers and boat traffic. This expansion would not impact property taxes. There is \$74,750 in the fund, plus \$12,000 from this years' warrant Article 5 would exceed the \$85,250 cost. The remaining balance would still be available for maintenance as needed.

Peter Fichter asked for an explanation as to why the existing

town dock needs to be expanded. He expressed a further concern if you provide a provision for something it generally gets used. If you provide docking for a large boat, a large boat will use it and pretty soon we will have a large boat spending the winter in Newbury Harbor, which would not necessarily enhance the view of Newbury Harbor.

Selectman Budd responded that recognition had been made that the existing dock was being overused in boat traffic. Boats were parking in the shallow, non-slip areas where swimmers sometimes go. Recognizing the safety factor, the increase of nine docking slips will help address that safety issue.

Selectman Wright commented that the mingling of people getting on and off boats with the sunbathers on the dock. The attempt is to separate those two activities. The side slips in the shallow area would be eliminated and moved out into the deeper water. This would separate the boating activity with the swimming activity.

Dick Surette quoted Mr. Budd that this expansion would not cost the tax payers any money and asked where the \$74,750 came from.

Selectman Wright stated that the \$74,750 had accumulated over recent years from the expendable trust funds that are funded each year for maintenance and improvements.

Selectman Budd pointed out that Article 5 allocates \$12,000 for the maintenance expendable fund for DOCKS.

Mr. Surette pointed out that the funding for this project did in fact come from property taxes.

Mr. Wolf pointed out that boaters will still have to walk over the sunbathers on the dock; they will just have a longer walk over more sunbathers. The people who jump off the end of the dock will still be jumping off the end of the dock, just further

out and still near boats. Therefore, in Mr. Wolf's opinion, these changes do not enhance safety for swimmers and boaters. Also, in March of 1977 a dock repair fund was established as a result of concern that ice movement could and would damage the town docks. This expansion and renovation plans are not repairs.

Mr. Pavlicek stated that at the 1987 annual town meeting the Docks Capital Reserve Fund was changed to an expendable trust fund. An expendable trust fund can be used for the renovation and/or repair of docks.

Mr. Wolf commented that it was changed so that the board of selectmen could use the money quickly if a dock was damaged and not wait all summer until the next years' annual meeting for approval at town meeting to perform repairs. The intent was still for repair of a damaged dock.

Mr. Seaholm asked how much further the dock is going to be extended.

Gary from Watermark Marine Construction explained that the existing dock is 140 ft. and would be extended 50 ft. He explained the detail of the plans. The distance between the two docks will be lessened by 10 ft.

Travis Dezotell, parks and recreation coordinator commented that he is often the person who ends up having to address safety altercations. He stated that last year there were 25 altercations reported between boaters and swimmers that resulted from boaters not being able to find parking slips. If there are not adequate spaces to dock, the boaters will tie up where they can, which puts the swimmers at risk. Over the course of the dock's history, the size of the dock has increased and decreased. He commented that these changes are necessary for the safety of the swim population.

Beverly Wolf expressed concern regarding the mix of swimmers on a hot afternoon with people who want to go out

on the dinner boat. Where will the people who want to go out on the dinner boat going to park? There is not enough parking for the people in town now, so how can we provide parking and safe transport to the dock when the big boat comes in. She agreed with Mr. Fichter, if you provide a slip for the big boat, the big boat will come in.

Selectman Budd pointed out that although a space is recognized on the plan, it does not necessarily have to be built. An additional four slips could be provided instead of one large one for the dinner boat.

Mr. Bachelder stated that he does not like this plan since it does not seem like a plan in the best interest of the town, and the implications have not been well thought through. The existing dock system has been primarily been used a swim facility. This plan seems to change it to primarily a public docking facility and takes away the traditional use of the Newbury Harbor dock. The effect on the people of the town has not been well thought through. The east dock is widely used by families for swimming, diving and fishing and as a substitute for a beach in town. There are many people that have no private access to the lake and use the dock instead. The west dock is always busy with people who like to sit in the shade and relax and enjoy the view. This plan takes away the opportunity for people to be able to swim laps in deeper water for exercise. The swimming area would become significantly more confined. The northbound view down the lake will now be impeded through the clutter of boats. The increased foot traffic will be cumbersome for both swimmers/sunbathers and boaters. The entire area is unsupervised which creates increased safety issues with increased population in such a small area. If there is a need for boat slips, then perhaps an addition should be placed on the existing fire boat dock. That would enhance the safety issues by separating and increasing the distance between boaters and the swimmers. The capital reserve item was strictly intended to maintain the existing town docks. The expansion of the existing Newbury Harbor dock will substantially increase the maintenance costs to the Town.

The \$4,000 increase in the Dock expendable trust fund in 2009 was not recommended by the Capital Improvements Committee and was presumably due to anticipated increase of maintenance, with no indication to the public for expansion. We don't need to spend it just because we have it.

Motion was made and seconded to call the question. Majority in favor.

Point of order was made that a hand was up for comment prior to the motion to call the question. Vote was made to listen to the comment before voting on the Article.

Police Chief Lee commented that in his opinion this expansion would reduce safety hazards by containing the swimmers and not promoting swimmers to jump off the end of the dock into boat traffic. This would reduce the town's liability without increasing property taxes.

The meeting recessed made to cast paper ballots. The meeting reconvened while the election officials counted the ballots.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$166,000 to be placed in the following capital reserve funds: (Recommended by the Selectmen)

FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$55,000
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT	\$98,000
AMULANCE	\$
3,000	
RECREATION FACILITIES	\$10,000

Motion to adopt Article 4 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Selectman Wright explained that these capital reserve funds are allocated annually in order to avoid paying large expenses

out in one lump sum through property taxes and also to avoid bonding if possible.

Mr. Wolf asked what is the long range purpose of the Recreational Facility Fund.

Selectman Wright explained that the long range purpose of the Recreational Facility Fund is for development for ball fields at the back of Fishersfield Park.

Paul Riley asked what the \$3,000 in the ambulance fund is for.

Mr. Wright explained that the town of Newbury assists the town of Bradford Rescue Squad financially in exchange for their rescue squad to cover South Newbury.

VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 4 was adopted as read.

Results for Article 9: 40 – Yes 76 – No. Article 9 did not pass.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to be placed in the following existing RSA 31:19-a, maintenance expendable trust funds previously established: (Recommended by the Selectmen)

DOCKS	\$12,000
TOWN OFFICE EQUIPMENT	\$ 6,000
TOWN BUILDINGS	\$42,000
MILFOIL CONTROL	\$ 5,000
FD PERSONAL PROTECTION	\$10,000

Motion to adopt Article 5 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Selectman Budd explained that as a result of last year's town Meeting discussion regarding the Veteran's Hall, the board of selectmen decided to increase the town buildings maintenance

expandable trust fund to \$42,000. This increase would allow for the financial backing to upgrade the existing Veteran's Hall in phases without significantly impacting property taxes. There is a need for additional recreation and meeting area. The board of selectmen used part of its discretionary fund to sand and refinish the floor, upgrade some of the electrical components, install emergency lighting, window repair and an ADA safety door. An architectural engineering study was completed, and the building was found to be sound.

Selectman Wright commented that in these times when the economy is at a low, the board of selectmen did not think it was prudent to ask the taxpayers to fund a total renovation all in one year. The board sees the need to make the Veteran's Hall more operational and safer to use. These funds will allow the board to authorize those improvements and make it a three-season usable building including a concrete floor, complete electrical upgrade, insulate the sidewalls, sheetrock the sidewalls, upgrade the windows, add a better basement door, upgrade the handicapped access and finish the main room and paint. All work will be done by local contractors. Restrooms are not being added at this time.

Mr. Wolf stated that last year the cost proposed to renovate the building was \$125,000 which included a 10% contingency. The estimated cost now is \$175,000 without a general contractor. Since construction costs are on the rise averaging 5% per year, in a few years the building will cost \$200,000. He suggested that it may cost less money in the long run to complete all of the work in one tax year. At last years' town meeting the town voted not to put any more money into the Veteran's Hall until a study could be done, yet money was spent on it during the summer. If the town puts \$35,000 into this maintenance expendable trust fund, that would bring the total of the fund close to \$100,000. What would prevent the board of selectmen from taking the whole \$100,000? Additionally, Mr. Wolf commented that the town is not going to back off from the project after putting \$35,000 into it.

Mr. Bachelder commented that there should be a separate warrant article addressing the improvements to the Veteran's Hall so that it can be discussed and voted on separately without tying in the other expendable trust funds.

Mr. Bachelder made a motion to append Warrant Article 5 to reduce the Town Building allocation by \$35,000 from \$42,000 to \$7,000. Motion was seconded. Discussion followed.

Mr. Bachelder commented that by removing the \$35,000 from Article 5, this will allow the town time to complete a comprehensive study and present an overall plan, costs and justification of the need. Without a thorough explanation, it is not reasonable to expect taxpayers to bear the cost.

Mr. Seaholm commented that he does not feel \$35,000 in this project should be grouped with the other things in this article because if it gets voted down, the other items are also voted down.

Selectman Powell explained that those funds are all separate and distinct. The money can only be spent on those relative to the line item. He read from last years' meeting minutes and reiterated that the board of selectmen did not think the economic conditions are good enough to propose a \$200,000 warrant article. Therefore it seems more appropriate to phase it in.

Mr. Wright commented that the Veteran's Hall was used last year for several activities. There is also a great need for meeting space in town. Mr. Wright listed several potential planned uses in 2011 including parks and recreation activities and Old Home Day activities. He commented that the board of selectmen is just trying to ease the renovation expenses gradually.

Linda Powell commented that construction costs will keep going up as time goes on, but the town can't build everything it

needs at once. Additionally the selectmen want to do the things that there is a need for without impacting property taxpayers.

Mr. Seaholm commented that the Veteran's Hall seems to have rolled into a recreational hall, kids area. Fishersfield Park has been developed with recreation and children in mind. Fishersfield Park is a safe distance from highway traffic, there is plenty of parking and lots of grass. He pointed out that being an old building, the selectmen should be aware of lead paint risk in the Veteran's Hall.

Police chief Lee commented that the selectmen are not asking to put money into a space that there is no need for. They are just asking for a small amount of money for a building that the town owns, unlike the Center Meeting House that the town voted to put \$175,000 into.

Laura Sevene commented that last year the town voted not to put any money into the Veteran's Hall until a study was done on the feasibility. She commented that she feels the \$35,000 should be put into the Veteran's Hall for the improvements listed, but a follow-up study still needs to be done so the tax payers will know exactly what the total costs are going to be.

Mr. Fichter commended the board of selectmen for trying to upgrade the building in a fashion that is not overbearing for the taxpayers. He expressed concern for the usage being primarily by children since there are not bathrooms. Does that mean children would be expected to cross Route 103 for bathroom facilities?

Travis Dezotell, parks and recreation coordinator commented that the staff in charge of the children's programs is well-trained in how to chaperone children near streets and other activities as appropriate. He commented that bathroom trips would not be a danger. There is a problem, however, in not having enough space to run the programs. There is a plan, previously described, outlining what needs to be done to the

building to make in more functional.

Ivor Freeman, Chair of the Capital Improvements Committee, commented that Newbury qualifies for significantly more bonding than what currently exists. The rates are low. If the renovations are done completely through bond, the total cost would compute to less than it would by phasing.

Mr. Bachelder commented that the town has not voted to approve a plan in its entirety and pointed out that the issue at hand is not *how* the town spends the money (all at once or a little at a time), the issue is that the town has not given the Board of Selectmen approval to make the improvements to the Veteran's Hall.

Selectman Powell pointed out that there are many buildings in town that the board of selectmen has voted to spend money on for maintenance and other issues. The improvements to the Veteran's Hall do not require a comprehensive plan.

Ms. Fichter commented that in her opinion the town should vote to approve the \$35,000 and consider bonding the remainder next year. The Veteran's Hall is an asset, structurally sound, and there is a need for the space.

All in favor to move the question.

**VOTE to amend Article 5. Majority not in favor.
Amendment failed.**

All in favor to move the original question.

**VOTE on Article 5 as originally read: Majority in favor.
Article 5 was adopted as read.**

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,400 for the purchase of a new one-ton pickup, including plow and sander and to authorize the withdrawal of \$50,400 from the Highway

Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Motion to adopt Article 7 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Calvin Prussman, highway administrator, advised that this proposed truck is not a replacement. This truck would be an additional truck. The 2007 Chevy has 80,000 miles on it, and we would be keeping it for now as a back-up truck. The long-term plan is in a couple of years to trade in the existing one-ton and this truck for two one-ton trucks.

Mr. Seaholm asked Mr. Prussman if it would be better to just purchase a one-ton now.

Mr. Prussman explained that there have been changes in emission engineering and regulations. Consequently, it may not be a good idea to purchase a one-ton until the manufacturing standards catch up with the emission regulations.

VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 7 was adopted as read.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the police equipment capital reserve fund to a safety services buildings capital reserve fund and authorize the Board of Selectmen to be agents to expend. (Two-third vote required)

Motion to adopt Article 8 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Selectman Powell explained that in the past the town used to purchase police vehicles using money available in the capital reserve fund which was added to each year through a warrant article. Now that the town leases its police vehicles and is funded annually by the police department operating budget, the town does not need to keep money in the police equipment Capital Reserve Fund. There is a \$12,356.69 fund balance as

of the end of February 2011.

Moderator Marashio asked for a show of hands for the vote. A 2/3 affirmative vote is needed for Article 8 to pass.

Hand count: Yes – 73 No – 8. Article 8 was adopted as read.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,400 to be placed in the Cemetery Maintenance Trust Fund and authorize the transfer of \$1,400 from the December 31, 2010 undesignated fund balance for this purpose. Said sum represents the sale of cemetery lots in the prior fiscal year. (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Motion to adopt Article 10 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Mr. Pavlicek stated that this is a housekeeping article that needs to be addressed each year. It allows the money that comes from cemetery lots sold to be transferred to the cemetery trust fund.

VOTE: All in favor. Article 10 was adopted as read.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the town will vote to accept Acorn Road (approximately 250 feet), subject to approval of the Selectmen. (By petition)

Motion to adopt Article 11 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Kay and Richard Steeves, residents on Acorn Road, explained that there are seven families that use Acorn Road. There has been confusion regarding the status of Acorn Road, which is off Route 103A. In 1904, the Stevens Farm was subdivided and two roads were created to access the lots of the subdivision. In 1992, as part of the enhanced 911 program, this portion of Shore Drive was renamed Acorn Road. In the

past it had always been town maintained. In 2005, the maintenance ceased because it was then determined not to be a town road. There has been no documentation found to verify that Acorn Road was discontinued as a town road.

Mr. Prussman, highway administrator, stated that he has been the highway administrator for 13 years, and in those 13 years the town has never plowed or maintained Acorn Road. There were circumstances in the past that the town did help make the road more accessible, but that was one particular exception in an emergency. He commented that if Acorn Road gets accepted as a town road, it may not be able to be paved due to the increase in costs; there may not be enough money in the budget to pave what is already on the paving schedule.

Mr. Steeves commented that the town did pave a portion of the road in 1968. Whether or not it all gets paved would be up to the board of selectmen and the highway administrator to determine.

Linda Vashel commented that her parents used to own property near Acorn Road and she grew up in that area over 40 years ago. She stated that she never remembers the town maintaining that portion of road.

Mr. Steeves stated that the town did used to plow the road in the 1960's.

Wayne Seaholm pointed out that that section of road is quite narrow and asked if there was enough room for the town plow truck to turn around.

Mr. Steeves commented that all of the roads in that area are the same width. They were able to plow and turn around in the 1960's, so they ought to be able to do it now.

Mr. Prussman pointed out that in the 1960's the town plowed all of the roads including driveways of the residents. So, it is entirely possible that the town did plow Acorn Road in the 1960's, but that doesn't make it a town road. Since that time,

the town has adopted a policy that it only plows and maintains town owned roads. Acorn Road is not a town-owned road. Additionally, Acorn Road is not built to town specifications, which is a requirement prior to town acceptance.

VOTE: Majority not in favor. Article 11 did not pass.

ARTICLE 12: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Motion to adopt Article 12 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Laura Sevene commented that she would like to see the board of selectmen bring forth a printed out plan with definite figures for the Veteran's Hall so that the taxpayers know where they are going in the future.

Sense of the meeting: All in favor.

Wayne Seaholm commented that he would like to see the Board of Selectman look at the layout of Fishersfield Park and compose a proposal to build a parks and recreation building that would satisfy usability and safety for recreational uses.

Sense of the meeting: Split

Gary Daniels suggested that the board of selectmen initiate a comprehensive plan for all existing and proposed town buildings.

Sense of the meeting: All in favor.

Ron Williams expressed disappointment that the Veteran's Memorial proposed in Article 6 did not pass and pointed out that it was the board of selectmen that chose the site. He stated that there was a lot of misinformation given out regarding the Veteran's Memorial. The study that was prepared was only a conceptual study; it was not a detailed engineering plan. He

stated several issues that were not accurate or realistic in the conceptual plan. He commented that perhaps the Veteran's should pay for the memorial with their own money and not depend on the taxpayers for funding, and then maybe it would come to fruition.

Selectman Powell thanked those present for coming to the meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Plunkett, Town Clerk



*Students from Kearsarge Elementary School enjoy an afternoon of skiing during winter activities. Shown left to right are: Jacob Long, Ashlyn Henderson, Jenna Cook, Taryn Hubley, and Jonathan Russell.
Photo courtesy Donna Long*

**NEWBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SUMMER TOWN MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 13, 2011**

Selectmen: James Powell, Richard Wright and Gary Budd

Town Personnel: Dennis Pavlicek, Town Administrator; Donna Long, Administrative Assistant; Hank Thomas, Fire Chief; Bob Lee, Police Chief; Cal Prussman, Highway Administrator; Tim Mulder, Blodgett Wastewater Treatment Facility Manager; and, Norm Bernaiche, Tri-Town Assessor.

Public: Dan Wolf, Katheryn Holmes, Barbara Gibson, Dan & Sally Kassman, Charles Schiess, Bruce MacKenzie, Cynthia Trudeau, Kara Obey, Jack Fisher, Joyce Babcock.

The meeting convened at 8:00 a.m.

Selectman Powell welcomed everyone to the annual summer meeting. He introduced tri-town assessor Norm Bernaiche to discuss the townwide re-valuation.

Bernaiche discussed how the town goes through re-valuations every five years. He gave a Power Point presentation explaining the process. He began with an explanation of the equalization ratio and gave some definitions pertaining to assessing. He explained that values are currently going down. He showed several charts that explained the process in detail. Bernaiche said the assessing department is in the final stages of the re-valuation and he plans to be done collecting data by this Friday.

A resident asked how right-of-ways are handled. Bernaiche said that has all been documented and put into the appropriate files. The resident then asked if the docks in right-of-ways are being taxed the same as waterfront home owners. Bernaiche said it all equals out because they get taxed in the value of their land. Jack Fisher asked, 'What is the effective date for these new numbers?' Bernaiche said as of April 1, 2011 and it will be reflected on the next tax bill. Fisher asked when these new values will be available. Bernaiche

said that letters will be sent out with the new information as soon as all the data has been collected and entered.

Powell thanked Norm for his presentation. He then introduced Selectman Richard Wright.

Wright explained the upgrade that has been going on at the Veteran's Hall these past few months. He said that much of the main room is finished and it is usable for three seasons at this point.

Barbara Gibson asked why it is called the Veteran's Hall. Wright went through the history of the building. He said that it is a very historic structure and is happy that it remains useable. A resident asked if it is open for the public to look at. Wright said it is not quite done yet, but if anyone wants to go look they can. He also said the library is going to have an event there.

Cheron Barton asked if there would be any adjustments for a crosswalk going to the Veteran's Hall, since there would be children trying to safely get across the street. Someone asked what the capacity was at the Veteran's Hall. Wright said the capacity was less than the meeting room at the town office which is 136. Russell Smith asked if it would be ADA certified. Wright said yes.

Wright then introduced Bruce Healey to give an update for the Town Center Buildings Committee.

Healey explained that Newbury does not have a lot of open town land in the center of town. He explained how the town purchased the Bald Sunapee and Camacho properties. He said that last year the residents made it quite clear at town meeting to know what the future plans of the town expansions were. Healey said the committee is advised by the architectural firm Tennant and Wallace. He read the charge that was given to the committee from the selectmen. They need to give recommendations for a veterans memorial, whether safety services should be separate or together in the same building and where this should be, whether the library and other buildings should be expanded, what other uses could be done with the two empty lots, to recommend the building size of the

police and fire stations, to look at building layouts and estimated costs, to report monthly to the board of selectmen, to have a public hearing by the middle of September and to have a final report ready for the board by October 15, 2011.

Healey explained that the website posts all the minutes from the meetings. Bruce Barton asked about the land that the old highway department used to be on. Healey said they are focusing on the town center at this time.

Jack Fisher asked if Route 103 could be moved and Powell said that the state has said 'no' and that Route 103 will remain where it is.

Powell introduced Cal Prussman to discuss what has been going on with the highway department. Prussman explained some of the big paving projects. A resident asked when the two bridges will be back in use. Powell said Village Road bridge should be ready by mid-September and the Sutton Road Village bridge should be ready by mid-November.

A resident asked about drainage issues on Blodgett Landing. He said there was an issue that has since been fixed. He said there is now a concern with the holes being too big and is afraid that a child will get their foot stuck. Prussman will think of something to use in the summer. Barbara Gibson said thank you for fixing the roads in Blodgett Landing but wants to know when they will be done. Prussman says he is prioritizing and can only do as much as his budget allows. A resident asked if the sign for Bay Point Road can be moved. Prussman said that perhaps they can cut some of the trees around it to make it more visible.

Fire chief Hank Thomas explained that he moves the trucks around to keep them in use. He said that Municipal Resources Inc. is doing a study on the ambulance use in the seven towns in the community. He said that August 28th will be the annual auction for the fire department. He said there have been 128 calls so far this year. Bruce Barton asked if the fire pond on West Province would be clean enough if needed. Thomas said that if needed a diver could

go in and clear out leaves. He said that all hydrants are checked periodically.

A resident asked about fireworks on the dock at Blodgett Landing. He asked if there is a certain number of feet that these fireworks are required to be from houses, cars, etc. Thomas said if an official written complaint comes in, he can hold a public hearing and then change the fireworks ordinance.

Police Chief Bob Lee talked about the police department and said that there are methods to all his decisions. He said that when he got here the norm for burglaries was 12 – 20. Now six years later, Newbury just had their first burglary of the year two weeks ago. Lee said the credit goes to the residents. He said it is the change in the cooperative effort between everyone in the community and the police department.

A resident asked why the public dock isn't patrolled more. Lee said he is there, on foot, very often. Lee said that every call he has received for bad behavior from kids, it has always been a Newbury resident. He said if there are any problems, just let the police station know. Lee said don't just complain about something, but to let him know a solution.

Powell then asked if there were any more questions. Bruce Barton asked about the HUD project. He wants to know what will happen to their tax portion to the town and does the town have a liability to keep it up and running if it is not at full capacity. Powell said it is a privately owned facility and would not be a burden to the town. He said anyone who wants more information should go to planning board meetings.

Jack Fisher said that he would like the Newbury Update to continue. He suggested that maybe the town should take over the newsletter to keep it in publication.

The meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

Donna Long, Administrative Assistant

NOTICE

If you own real estate lots that were involuntarily merged by municipal action, you may be able to have those lots restored to their pre-merger status.

Your property may qualify if two or more lots were merged for zoning, assessing, or taxation purposes and the merger occurred:

- During your ownership, without your consent; or
- Prior to your ownership, if no previous owner consented to the merger.

To restore your property to pre-merger status, you must:

- Make a request to the local governing body
- No later than December 31, 2016.

Once restored:

- Your properties will once again become separate lots; however, they must still conform to applicable land use ordinances. Restoration does not cure non-conformity.

This notice must be:

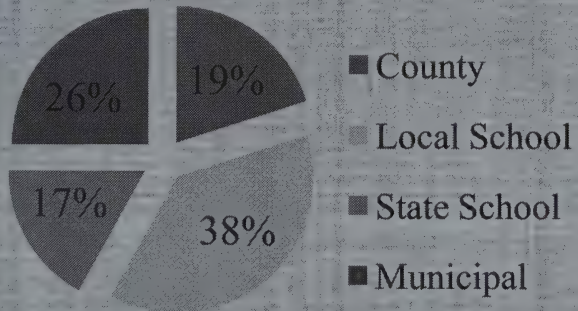
- *Posted continuously in a public place from January 1, 2012 until December 31, 2016, and*
- *Published in the 2011 through 2015 Annual Report.*

Read the full statute at RSA 674:39-aa Restoration of Involuntarily Merged Lots.

Your Tax Dollars 2012

County	\$2.81	19%
Local School	\$5.65	38%
State School	\$2.46	17%
Municipal	\$3.76	26%
Total	\$14.68	100%

Tax Dollars 2012



Newbury, NH



Community Contact

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Newbury, NH 03255

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E-mail
Web Site

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(603) 763-5298
townadmin@newburynh.org
www.newburynh.org/

Municipal Office Hours

Selectmen: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 8 am - 12 noon; Town Clerk: Monday, 1 pm - 7 pm, Tuesday through Friday, 8 am - 4 pm

County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Merrimack
New London NH LMA
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee
Upper Valley/Lake Sunapee
Capital Regional Development Council

Election Districts
US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

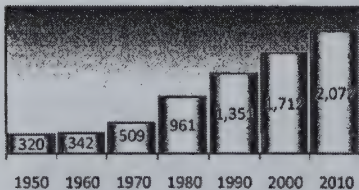
District 2
District 2
District 8
Merrimack County District 3

Incorporated: 1778

Origin: Situated at the south end of Lake Sunapee, this town has had many names. The original grant by the Masonian Proprietors in 1753 named it Dantzic, after the Baltic seaport. A separate grant on adjoining land, the first provincial grant in 1754, was called Hereford, in honor of Edward Devereaux, Viscount Hereford. The grant was renewed in 1772 as Fishersfield, after Governor John Wentworth's brother-in-law John Fisher, and included both the Dantzic and Hereford grants. Fishersfield was incorporated in 1778 upon request of residents. The name was changed to Newbury in 1837, as suggested by settlers originally from Newbury, Massachusetts.

Villages and Place Names: Blodgett Landing, Edgemont, Mount Sunapee, Pine Cliff, South Newbury, Box Corner, Chalk Pond

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 331 residents in 1790



Population Trends: Population change for Newbury totaled 1,730 over 50 years, from 342 in 1960 to 2,072 in 2010. The largest decennial percent change was an 89 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, following a 49 percent increase between 1960 and 1970. The 2010 Census estimate for Newbury was 2,072 residents, which ranked 139th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2010 (US Census Bureau): 57.8 persons per square mile of land area. Newbury contains 35.8 square miles of land area and 2.3 square miles of inland water area.

Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau, NH Employment Security, 2011. Community Response Received 8/30/2011

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MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2011	\$3,573,643
Budget: School Appropriations,	not available
Zoning Ordinance	1958/11
Master Plan	2008
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Zoning; Library; Cemetery; Trust Funds
Appointed:	Conservation; Recreation

Public Library Newbury Public

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Part-time
Emergency Medical Service	Part-time

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
New London Hospital, New London	8 miles	25

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Chalk Pond; private wells

Sanitation	Municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes

Solid Waste Disposal	none
Curbside Trash Pickup	none
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Voluntary

Telephone Company	Fairpoint; TDS Telecom
Cellular Telephone Access	Limited
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	Yes
High Speed Internet Service:	Business Limited Residential Limited

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2010 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$13.85
2010 Equalization Ratio	100.0
2010 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$13.88

2010 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	94.6%
Commercial Land and Buildings	4.5%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	0.8%

HOUSING

(ACS 2006-2010)

Total Housing Units	1,450
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	1,413
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	33
Five or More Units in Structure	0
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	4

DEMOGRAPHICS

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2010	2,072	146,445
2000	1,712	136,716
1990	1,351	120,618
1980	961	98,302
1970	509	80,925

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2006-2010

Population by Gender		
Male	1,060	Female 1,012

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	107
Age 5 to 19	349
Age 20 to 34	237
Age 35 to 54	631
Age 55 to 64	392
Age 65 and over	356
Median Age	47.6 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	94.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher	36.1%

INCOME, 2010 INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2006-2010)

Per capita income	\$32,309
Median 4-person family income	\$81,581
Median household income	\$66,618

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$57,059
Female	\$42,917

Families below the poverty level	7.3%
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LABOR FORCE

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	2000	2010
Civilian labor force	1,018	1,201
Employed	997	1,156
Unemployed	21	45
Unemployment rate	2.1%	3.7%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	2000	2010
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	22	25
Average Weekly Wage	\$578	\$477
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	387	485
Average Weekly Wage	\$331	\$385

Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	409	510
Average Weekly Wage	\$344	\$390

Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	35	65
Average Weekly Wage	\$410	\$518

Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	444	575
Average Weekly Wage	\$349	\$404

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend:	Grades K-12 are part of Kearsarge Regional (Bradford, Newbury, New London, Springfield, Sutton, Warner, Wilmot)				(NH Dept. of Education District: SAU 65)
Career Technology Center(s):	Sugar River Valley Technical Center, Newport or Claremont				Region: 10
Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial/Charter	
Number of Schools					
Grade Levels					
Total Enrollment					

2011 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS – Bureau of Child Care Licensing): Total Facilities: 0 Total Capacity: 0

Nearest Community/Technical College: River Valley

Nearest Colleges or Universities: Colby-Sawyer; Magdalen

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Mount Sunapee Resort	Recreation area	150+	1947
Baker Hill Golf Club	Golf Course	20+	2002
Mount Sunapee (Best Western)	Motel	25	2000

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	103, 103A, 103B
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-89, Exits 12 - 12A
	Distance	8 miles; 10 miles
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Parlin Field, Newport	Runway	3,450 ft. asphalt
Lighted?	No	Navigation Aids? No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Lebanon Municipal	Distance	34 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		1
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		47 miles
Portland, Maine		132 miles
Boston, Mass.		97 miles
New York City, NY		270 miles
Montreal, Quebec		218 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2006-2010)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	79.1%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	8.4%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	2.3%
Other means	2.8%
Worked at home	7.4%
Mean Travel Time to Work	33.5 minutes

Percent of Working Residents:	(ACS 2006-2010)
Working in community of residence	18%
Commuting to another NH community	73%
Commuting out-of-state	9%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
X	Swimming: Indoor Facility
X	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): Mount Sunapee

Other: Fells Historic Site; Stoney Brook Sanctuary; NH Craftsman Fair

Births
Registered in the Town of Newbury, NH for the Year Ending December 31, 2011

<u>Date</u>	<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Birth Place</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Name</u>
02/02/11	Charlotte Jean Marquis	Concord, NH	Keith Marquis	Mary Beth Marquis
02/09/11	Katherine Avery Ensign	Concord, NH	Eric Ensign	Jennifer Ensign
03/04/11	Charlotte Mary Regan	Concord, NH	Daniel Regan	Liza Regan
04/16/11	Crosby Amos Cooper	Concord, NH	Douglas Cooper	Kathryn Cooper
07/03/11	Payston Mitchell Newell	Concord, NH		Amy Newell
07/15/11	Tess Susan Hagerty	Concord, NH	Matthew Hagerty	Hillary Hagerty
08/28/11	Sierra Hope Gerber	Concord, NH		Jessica Caseley
08/31/11	Jocelyn Jean Ayotte	Concord, NH	Robert Ayotte, Jr.	Lindsey Cheney
10/04/11	Christina Marie Benenati	Newbury, NH	Michael Benenati	Marcelle Benenati

Marriages/Unions
Registered in the Town of Newbury, NH for the Year Ending December 31, 2011

<u>Date</u>	<u>Groom/Person A</u> <u>Name</u>	<u>Groom/Person A</u> <u>Residence</u>	<u>Bride/Person B</u> <u>Name</u>	<u>Bride/Person B</u> <u>Residence</u>	<u>Place of</u> <u>Marriage</u>
05/03/11	Daniel P. Chick, Jr.	Newbury, NH	Suzanne M. Gross	Laconia, NH	Sunapee, NH
07/04/11	Brian Thomas Bostic	Farmingdale, NY	Abigail Pizarro	Farmingdale, NY	Newbury, NH
08/06/11	Brady J. Harwood	Newbury, NH	Addy L. Whitney	Newbury, NH	Laconia, NH
08/06/11	Kyle Peter Sabo	Levittown, NY	Miriam V. Walls	Brooklyn, NY	Newbury, NH
08/20/11	Joseph Oliver Fayton	Newbury, NH	Katheryn Ann Faria	Menands, MA	Pelham, NH
09/09/11	Dillon Hunter Nutting	Strafford, NH	Marina Lynn Silvo	Strafford, NH	Newbury, NH
09/10/11	Christopher M. Stelmach	Scarborough, ME	Rebecca Erin Wheeler	Scarborough, ME	Newbury, NH
09/20/11	Darcy K. LaFrance	Newbury, NH	Nicole C. Atherton	Newbury, NH	Newbury, NH
10/01/11	Justin Ames Nowell	Los Angeles, CA	Ivy Claire Pochoda	Los Angeles, CA	Bradford, NH
10/08/11	Sean A. Shepherd	Newbury, NH	Kelsey Rebecca Rubin	Hillsboro, NH	Bradford, NH

Deaths

Registered in the Town of Newbury, NH for the Year Ending December 31, 2011

<u>Death Date</u>	<u>Decedent's Name</u>	<u>Death Place</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Maiden Name</u>
01/05/11	David Thayer	Lebanon, NH	Robert Thayer	Flora Smith
02/13/11	Leonard M. Bloksberg	Palm Beach, FL	Max Bloksberg	Fanny Baum
02/22/11	Marie Diaz	New London, NH	Jose Torres	Maria Cetina
03/25/11	Peter C. Diekmann	New London, NH	Paul Diekmann	Doris Van Nostrand
05/09/11	Kaaren Eglintine	Newbury, NH	Kimball Brown	Mary Lennox
06/10/11	Robert Saturley	Newbury, NH	Lester Saturley	Margaret Hannaford
06/19/11	Wilbert H. Willis, Jr.	New London, NH	Wilbert H. Willis, Sr.	Iva Truell
08/05/11	Raymond Schilke	New London, NH	Bernard Schilke	Anna Blum
08/08/11	Joseph Chapline, Jr.	Newbury, NH	Joseph Chapline, Sr.	Ethel Bavington
08/30/11	Sampson Emery	Newbury, NH	Eric Emery	Sarah Reynolds
09/21/11	Joan Hall	Lebanon, NH	Theodore King	Priscilla Spencer
09/24/11	Melvin Willis	New London, NH	Arthur Willis	Edith Rozokat
10/20/11	Charles Marston	Newbury, NH	William Marston	Linda Deaton
11/25/11	Muriel Brown	Boscawen, NH	Wallace Sands	Laura Church
11/29/11	Albert Tonkin	Concord, NH	Albert Tonkin	Hazel Tonkin
12/07/11	Domenica Milanesi	New London, NH	Guiseppe Costantino	Rosalia Albo
12/18/11	Lorna Dodge	New London, NH	Charles Kaiser	Anna Lyons
12/27/11	Evelyn McFadden	New London, NH	Lester Smith	Lena Woods

Newbury Service Directory

ALL EMERGENCIES: DIAL 911

After calling for Emergency help, please turn on all outside lights both during the day and at night to aid in locating your residence. If possible, have someone outdoors to meet the responding units.

FIRE DEPARTMENT (non-emergency)763-4403
POLICE STATION (non-emergency)..... 763-4104
POLICE DISPATCH.....763-2221

Selectmen's Office **763-4940 ext. 202**

Monday, Tues., Thurs., Fri.: 8:00 a.m. – Noon

Selectmen meet every two weeks on a rotating schedule of

Monday nights at 6:00 p.m.

See posted meeting schedules for dates.

Fax - 763-5298

www.newburynh.org

E-mail: townadmin@newburynh.org

Town Clerk & Tax Collector's Office **763-5326**

Monday: 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday – Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

(Closed from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.)

Code Enforcement Officer

763-4940 ext. 203

Appointments Recommended

Monday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (summer months)

Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (winter months)

Library

763-5803

Monday: Noon – 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: Noon – 5 p.m.

Friday closed

Saturday: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Sunday: Noon – 5 p.m.

Transfer Station

763-2289

Monday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Land Use Coordinator

763-4940 ext. 201

Call for Zoning and Planning Board information.

Planning Board meets at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at the Town Office. Zoning Board meets on an 'as needed' basis on the second Monday of the month at the Town Office.

Forest Fire Warden Dave Smith938-5925

Town Highway Department938-5494

Full Moon Over Newbury

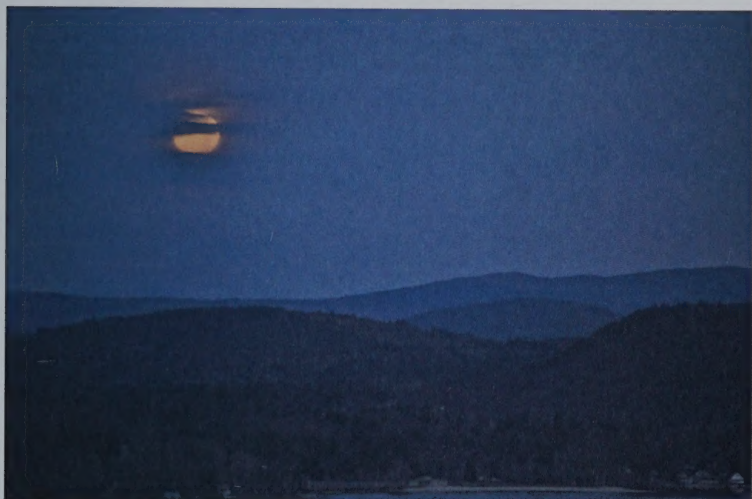


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Spring has Sprung at the Center Meeting House



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